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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This edition of files from the State Department's Office of the Assistant Legal Adviser for Educational, Cultural, and Public Affairs covers the diplomatic, legal, and political maneuvering over assets seized by the United States as enemy property during World War II and German assets outside of Germany. The records are organized into three major groupings: Office of Alien Property; German assets outside Germany; and claims against Germany. The materials date from 1942 to 1987 and consist of correspondence, memoranda of meetings and conversations, legislation, newspaper clippings, transcripts of congressional testimony, and court documents.

President Franklin D. Roosevelt established the Office of Alien Property (OAP) by Executive Order 9095 in March 1942. The OAP was "responsible for the administration, liquidation, distribution, and disposition of the interests in alien property which vested in the United States under the Trading with the Enemy Act" (Reel 1, Frame 0217). The OAP files cover three main topics: Swiss claims to property seized by the United States in 1942 under the Trading with the Enemy Act; the Interhandel case involving Interhandel-owned stock in the General Aniline & Film Corporation; and miscellaneous claims of individuals and corporations.

The collection begins with Swiss claims on assets belonging to Swiss citizens who lived in Germany during World War II. Three types of assets were in question: assets of Swiss citizens residing in Germany during World War II; assets of Swiss women who married Germans, became German nationals, and lived in Germany during the war; and "Swiss citizens owning shares in U.S. corporations, who cannot prove that their predecessors in interest were non-enemies as of the critical date of June 14, 1941" (Reel 1, Frame 0403). In 1963, the Swiss government initiated discussions with the United States to settle these claims, which they valued at about \$700,000. The documents reproduced in this collection cover meetings and negotiations over these claims, as well as the positions staked out by the U.S. and Swiss governments. Over the course of the negotiations, the Swiss agreed to drop the second and third claims. In 1986, the two countries settled the claims with a check from the United States to the government of Switzerland for \$20,000. The check and related documents are reproduced in this edition (Reel 2, Frame 0001).

In 1942, the United States seized as enemy property Interhandel's shares in the Delaware-based company General Aniline & Film Corporation (GAF). The United States claimed that Interhandel, short for Internationale Industrie und Handelsbeteiligungen A.G., was controlled by the German conglomerate I.G. Farben. Interhandel argued that the shares had been wrongfully seized because it had broken ties with I.G. Farben in 1940. Interhandel sued the United States in 1948 for the return of the GAF shares. The materials in this edition, beginning at Frame 0787 of Reel 4 and continuing through Reel 5, include background materials, negotiations between U.S. and Swiss officials, correspondence, statements by Interhandel executives, newspaper clippings, and documents from the cases in U.S. courts and before the International Court of Justice. For the U.S. cases, Interhandel brought suit under its French name, Societe Internationale pour Participations Industrielles et Commerciales, S.A. Therefore, the names of these cases are *Societe Internationale* v.

Brownell, Societe Internationale v. Clark, and Societe Internationale v. Rogers. The U.S. government settled the case out of court in 1963 and the GAF stock was sold at auction in New York on March 9, 1965. Interhandel received approximately \$123 million from the sale (Reel 5, Frames 0656–0660).

The third section of OAP files pertains to claims of individuals and corporations and legislation that affected OAP actions. Corporations mentioned in these documents include Manfred Weiss Steel and Metal Works, Ltd.; Erno Vincze Feinlederfabrika, a leather factory in Budapest, Hungary; and General Dyestuff Corporation, a company linked to I.G. Farben. Legislation covered includes the Trading with the Enemy Act, Settlement of War Claims Act of 1928, First War Powers Act of 1941, War Claims Act of 1948, International Claims Settlement Act of 1949, the Philippine Property Act of 1946, and legislation for the relief of individual claimants.

The second series of files, beginning at Frame 0712 of Reel 6 and continuing through to Frame 0102 of Reel 11, covers German assets outside of Germany. The greatest concentration of materials relates to German assets in Japan. The assets in question include real estate owned by German nationals living in Japan, German shares in Japanese corporations, German trademarks and copyrights, and German-made ships chartered or sold to Japan during the war. These files consist of correspondence, memoranda, minutes and summaries of meetings of the Tri-Power Advisory Committee, as well as a report of the Supreme Commander for Allied Forces on assets in Japan. The remainder of the files in this series comprise a 1952 Bundestag report on German assets outside of Germany (Reel 7, Frame 0112); documents on German assets in Switzerland, Brazil, Spain, and Italy; and legislation and treaties concerning German assets. These include the Paris Agreement on Reparation, the Brussels Intercustodial Agreement (Agreement Relating to the Resolution of Conflicting Claims to German Enemy Assets), the Trading with the Enemy Act, the War Claims Act of 1948, and the International Claims Settlement Act of 1949.

The third series of materials, beginning at Frame 0103 of Reel 11 and continuing through to Frame 0567 of Reel 14, concern claims against Germany. The most moving case is that of Julian Hermanowski (Reel 12, Frame 0410). Hermanowski was born in Detroit in 1901, but he moved with his mother to Poland in 1911. In 1939, German police beat him and arrested him. After spending time in a Warsaw jail, he was sent to three different concentration camps between 1939 and 1945. When the war ended, Hermanowski weighed sixty-six pounds. He made it back to the United States in 1950. For the next thirteen months, Hermanowski helped bring 293 displaced persons to the United States but went bankrupt in the process. The file on Hermanowski contains newspaper clippings, a certificate from the International Information Office showing his liberation from Dachau, medical records, correspondence, affidavits, and lists of the displaced persons Hermanowski brought to the United States. The other claims in this series are Greek claims against Germany for World War I reparations, claims by members of the Yugoslav armed forces imprisoned by the Germans, and "overlap" claims involving claims made both in the United States and in Germany.

The collection concludes with two files on Japanese assets outside of Japan and documents on the implementation of Executive Order 12372 regarding intergovernmental review of federal programs.

This edition represents the first of three parts of files microfilmed by LexisNexis from the Records of the Office of the Assistant Legal Adviser for Educational, Cultural, and Public Affairs. Part 2 is Records Relating to the Return of Looted Artwork, and Part 3 is Records Relating to Compensation and Reparation for Nazi Victims. Other collections microfilmed by LexisNexis on Holocaust era assets are Records of the Tripartite

Commission for the Restitution of Monetary Gold, 1946–1998, Part 1: Meetings and Background Documents; The Safehaven Program, Part 1: Files of the FBI; and Art Looting and Nazi Germany: Records of the Fine Arts and Monuments Adviser, Ardelia Hall, 1945–1961, Part 1: Country Files for Austria, Italy, and Germany; and Part 2: Subject Files.

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EDITORIAL NOTE

This edition consists of material from seventeen boxes of newly released records in Lot File 96D269. LexisNexis has filmed the documents as they are arranged at the National Archives and in their entirety. Subsequent parts to the *Records of the Assistant Legal Adviser for Educational, Cultural, and Public Affairs* will include the remaining boxes in this State Department Lot File.

ABBREVIATIONS

The following abbreviations have been used three or more times in this guide.

FRG Federal Republic of Germany

GAF General Aniline & Film Corporation

IARA Inter-Allied Reparations Agency

I.G. Farben Internationale Gesellschaft Farbenindustrie A.G.

Internationale Industrie und Handelsbeteiligungen A.G.

(German); Societe Internationale pour Participations

Industrielles et Commerciales, S.A. (French)

K.K. Kabushiki Kaisha (joint stock company)

OAP Office of Alien Property

POWs Prisoners of war

ROGES Rohstaff Handelsgesellschaft G.M.B.H.

SCAP Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers

UK United Kingdom

USSR Union of Soviet Socialist Republics

REEL INDEX

Following is a listing of the folders that compose *Records of the Office of the Assistant Legal Adviser* for Educational, Cultural, and Public Affairs, Part 1: Records on the Disposition of German Assets. The four-digit number on the far left is the frame number at which a particular file folder begins. This is followed by the file title and the dates of the file. Substantive issues are highlighted under the heading *Major Topics*, as are prominent correspondents under the heading *Principal Correspondents*. Topics and correspondents are listed in the order in which they appear on the film, and each one is listed only once per folder.

Reel 1

Frame No.

[Office of Alien Property]

0001 [OAP (Office of Alien Property)—Switzerland] 1 of 3 [1985–1987].

Major Topics: Amendment to Trading with the Enemy Act to terminate the OAP and to pay Swiss claim regarding seized assets; Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal Years 1986 and 1987 (legislation authorizing appropriations for the State Department, U.S. Information Agency, and National Endowment for Democracy).

Principal Correspondents: John R. Bolton; Robert F. Turner; J. Edward Fox; Phillip D. Brady; W. Tapley Bennett Jr.; Harold Burman; Ely Maurer; Franz E. Muheim.

0100 [OAP—Switzerland] 2 of 3 [1980–1985].

Major Topics: Payment of Swiss claim regarding seized assets; amendment to Trading with the Enemy Act to terminate the OAP; transcript of hearings before the House Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on International Economic Policy and Trade regarding legislation to terminate OAP and payment of Swiss claim; statements by Bruno A. Ristau, director of Office of Foreign Litigation in the Justice Department, and Ely Maurer, assistant legal adviser for educational, cultural, and public affairs in the State Department, regarding termination of OAP and payment of Swiss claim.

Principal Correspondents: Franz E. Muheim; Ely Maurer; Mike Matheson; W. Tapley Bennett Jr.; Alan A. Parker; Mark B. Feldman; Jonathan B. Bingham.

0201 [OAP—Switzerland] 3 of 3 [1980–1986].

Major Topics: Legislation to amend the Trading with Enemy Act to terminate the OAP and to pay Swiss claim regarding seized assets; OAP annual report covering finances and liquidation and disposition of vested property.

Principal Correspondents: Alan A. Parker; Mark B. Feldman; Franz E. Muheim; H. K. Bruss Keppeler.

0281 **OAP—Switzerland I [1954–1975].**

Major Topics: Swiss claim concerning property of Swiss citizens resident in Germany during World War II and seized by the U.S. under the Trading with the Enemy Act; meetings of State Department officials with Swiss ambassador Felix Schnyder and counselor Rudolf

Stettler; argument of U.S. against the Swiss claims; Swiss law on Swiss citizenship; meetings of State Department officials with Swiss charge d'affaires Charles Muller, first secretary Rudolf Stettler, counselor Jean Bourgeois, chief of federal political department Willy Spuehler, counselor for economic affairs Klaus Jacobi, and press chief of federal political department Walter Jaeggi; list of claims of Swiss citizens who resided in Germany or another Axis country during World War II, of women who were Swiss nationals by birth but became German nationals during World War II as a result of marriage, and of Swiss shareholders who were unable to prove that their shares of stocks were in the possession of nonenemies after June 14, 1941; British claims concerning seized property.

Principal Correspondents: Ely Maurer; George H. Aldrich; John E. Crump; John M. Leddy; John W. Douglas; Arthur R. Schor.

0656 **OAP—Switzerland II [1957–1979].**

Major Topics: Swiss claim concerning property of Swiss citizens resident in Germany during World War II and seized by the U.S. under the Trading with the Enemy Act; legislation to amend the Trading with Enemy Act to terminate the OAP and to pay Swiss claim regarding seized assets; State Department activities pertaining to the Swiss claim including policy position when dealing with congressional committees; shares in GAF held by Interhandel.

Principal Correspondents: Ely Maurer; Mark B. Feldman; Stuart E. Schiffer; Herbert J. Hansell; George H. Aldrich.

Reel 2

[Office of Alien Property cont.]

0001 **OAP—Switzerland III [1979–1986].**

Major Topics: Check for \$20,000 settling all Swiss claims on assets seized by the U.S.; State Department Authorization Act; amendment to the Trading with the Enemy Act to allow payment of Swiss claim; statement of Ely Maurer before the House Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on International Economic Policy and Trade; legislation to amend the Trading with Enemy Act to terminate the OAP and to pay Swiss claim regarding seized assets; Treaty of Arbitration and Conciliation (U.S.-Switzerland, 1931); statement of Mark B. Feldman, State Department deputy legal adviser, before the House Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on Economic Policy.

Principal Correspondents: Ely Maurer; Mark B. Feldman; Franz E. Muheim; Alan A. Parker; Powell A. Moore.

0258 **OAP—Blocked Assets [1943–1980].**

Major Topics: Inclusion of Agostino Beltrani on Proclaimed List of Certain Blocked Nationals by the Board of Economic Warfare, and claim by Daisy Neilson Beltrani for financial losses sustained by her husband's soap and candle firm; claim of Francesco Scala for payment as a POW during World War II; Romanian blocked assets and U.S.-Romanian relations; economic relations with Hungary.

Principal Correspondents: J. Brian Atwood; Linwood Holton; Clare Boothe Luce; Daisy Neilson Beltrani; Francis A. Jamieson; Lester L. Wolff; Frederick G. Dutton; Allyn G. Donaldson; Howard H. Tewksbury; Ely Maurer; Letizia Berardi; Apostolos G. Agnidis; Walter Hollis.

0387 **OAP—General I [1942–1956].**

Major Topics: Amendments to the Trading with the Enemy Act; legislation extending the time for filing claims under the Trading with the Enemy Act; amendments to the War Claims Act of 1948; amendments to First War Powers Act of 1941; Trading with the

Enemy Act; Settlement of War Claims Act of 1928 and amendments; statement of Robert D. Murphy, deputy undersecretary of state, before the Senate Judiciary Committee regarding amendments to the Trading with the Enemy Act and the War Claims Act of 1948; Philippine Property Act of 1946; statement of Seymour J. Rubin, State Department assistant legal adviser, before the House Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, regarding use by the U.S. of seized German and Japanese assets; statement of John Ward Cutler, acting general counsel in the OAP, before the House Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, regarding war damage claims and the liquidation of property held by the Alien Property Custodian; statement by John Foster Dulles, secretary of state, before Senate Judiciary Committee concerning amendments to the Trading with the Enemy Act and return of assets to German and Japanese private citizens; *Clark v. Allen* (inheritance rights of German aliens); Executive Order 9095 establishing the OAP.

Principal Correspondents: Durward V. Sandifer; Charles E. Bohlen; Dean Acheson; John Foster Dulles.

Reel 3

[Office of Alien Property cont.]

0001 **OAP—General I cont.** [1953–1958].

Major Topics: Amendments to the Trading with the Enemy Act; Hansen v. Brownell (property of Erwin Hansen, dual citizen of Britain and Germany); Everett M. Dirksen. Principal Correspondents: Thruston B. Morton; Ben H. Brown Jr.; W. G. E. Beckmann; Stanley G. Metzger; J. W. Riddleberger; Herman Phleger.

0112 **OAP—General II [1954–1963].**

Major Topics: Amendments to the Trading with the Enemy Act; Polish property vested in the U.S.; list of trademarks vested during World War II; divestment of German-owned copyrights seized by the U.S. under the Trading with the Enemy Act; seizure and vesting of photographs of Heinrich Hoffman; Executive Order 11086 (amending Executive Order 10587 relating to the Trading with the Enemey Act); Jewish Restitution Successor Organization; claim of Bank of Brazil; property of Hans and Adelheid Borchers; Japanese copyright claim regarding motion picture, Hawaii Marei Oki Kaisen; Oelbermann Foundation claim; patent claim of the Societe Anonyme des Ateliers Brillie Freres; Lovett-Lombardo Agreement on blocked and vested property of Italian nationals; placing of OAP within the Office of the Attorney General; Vincze v. Rogers (insurance payment to Erno Vincze, blocked by U.S. as enemy property); release of blocking controls on Romanian property in the U.S.

Principal Correspondents: Ely Maurer; William R. Tyler; Harrison Lewis; Henry G. Hilken;
Peter H. Pfund; James H. McFarland Jr.; Eddie W. Schodt; Frederick G. Dutton; Joseph
D. Guilfoyle; Wendell W. Woodbury; Donald A. Wehmeyer; John Krizay; Getulio
Vargas; Arthur R. Schor; Frances M. Dailor; Philip H. Trezise; Brooks Hays; Harue
Kushi.

0436 **OAP—General III [1964–1966].**

Major Topics: Bonnar v. United States (stock of General Dyestuff Corporation vested under the Trading with the Enemy Act); assets of the Austro-Hungarian Bank; OAP annual report; blocking of Bulgarian, Czechoslovakian, and Polish property; claim of N.V. Internationale Handel Maatschappij Controla; claim of Theodore Zissu; Jewish Restitution Successor Organization; claim of heirs of Jozsef Vass and Laszlo Nobel; Overseas Assets Problem Deliberation Council; Oelbermann Foundation claim; extension of time for German authors to gain U.S. copyright protection; I.G. Farben; Interhandel;

Vincze v. Rogers (insurance payment to Erno Vincze, blocked by U.S. as enemy property).

Principal Correspondents: Ely Maurer; Irving Jaffe; John W. Douglas; E. S. Rothman; Edward G. Guy; Alton F. Weeks; Paul V. Myron; Douglas MacArthur II; Saul Kagan.

0694 **OAP—General IV** [1956–1967].

Major Topics: Amendments to International Claims Settlement Act of 1949; claims of Romanian citizens for divestment of blocked accounts; seizure of property of Tsukasa Kiyono; claim of Gertrude Kappel-Vukas and Simon Vukas; payments to U.S. businesses from sale of GAF; U.S. v. Werner von Clemm; claim of Asuncion Haru Yasui Mustaros and Teresa Maria Mustaros.

Principal Correspondents: Bartlett S. Atwood; Mary Kiyono; Paul V. Myron; Thomas H. Creighton Jr.; George S. Knight; Ely Maurer; William B. Macomber Jr.; George C. Dix; Barefoot Sanders; Douglas MacArthur II.

Reel 4

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0001 OAP—General V [1947–1954 and 1967–1978].

Major Topics: Legislation for the relief of Hildegard Mercedes Schlubach Ercklentz, Enno W. Ercklentz Jr., Hildegard Ercklentz Merrill, and Alexander T. Ercklentz; claim regarding estate of Jacob Christian; royalty claim of G. Grote'sche Verlagsbuchhandlung; claim regarding estate of Wilhelm Sonnenschein; von Clemm v. Banuelos (recovery of property seized under the Trading with the Enemy Act); amendment to International Claims Settlement Act of 1949 to provide for payment of additional claim out of the Italian Claims Fund; claim of Alan S. and Rita R. Mintz; legislation for relief of Japanese bank claimants; amendment to War Claims Act of 1948 regarding claims of nonprofit organizations and individuals; legislation for the relief of Frances von Wedel; Japanese property in Philippines; definition of enemy in Trading with the Enemy Act; claim of Mrs. H. Schwartzschild, heir to Aron Hirsch & Sohn; joint congressional resolution creating a World War II Enemy Property Commission to study the liquidation of assets in the U.S. of enemy countries; claim of Joseph Gadany; amendments to the War Claims Act of 1948 and the Trading with the Enemy Act; legislation for relief of Janis Zalemanis. Gertrude Jansons, Lorena Jansons Murphy, and Asja Jansons Liders; legislation for the relief of Viorica Anna Ghitescu, Alexander Ghitescu, and Serban George Ghitescu; claim of Nicu Butculescu.

Principal Correspondents: Douglas J. Bennet Jr.; John Tower; Barbara Allen Babcock; Ely Maurer; Peter H. Pfund; Leo Lazar; David M. Abshire; William D. Ruckelshaus; Werner C. von Clemm; J. F. Veasey; Donald A. Wehmeyer; Dean Acheson; A. A. Bertsch; William B. Macomber Jr.; Edwin L. Weisl Jr.; Thruston B. Morton; Eugene Keogh; David L. Bazelon; Lawrence H. Hoover Jr.

0401 OAP—Intercustodial [Claims]: General [1958–1963].

Major Topics: Brussels Intercustodial Agreement; IARA accounting rules; Lantica Trading Company, Ltd.; Canada-U.S. and Denmark-U.S. intercustodial conflicts.

Principal Correspondents: Walter Hollis; Ely Maurer; Edward J. Thrasher; Fulton Freeman.

0449 **OAP—Germany** [1946–1975].

Major Topics: Claim of Erwin Schneider for property confiscated by the Gestapo in 1940 and possibly deposited in the Reichsbank; statement by John Foster Dulles, secretary of state, before Senate Judiciary Committee concerning amendments to the Trading with the Enemy Act and return of assets to German and Japanese private citizens; German assets in Sweden; GAF; claim of Walter Hermann Weber; claim of Mrs. H. Schwartzschild, heir to

Aron Hirsch & Sohn; copyright status of *Mein Kampf*; statement of Senator Thomas C. Henning Jr. regarding German assets; statement of John A. Scherzer before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee regarding the return of confiscated property to Austrian citizens; Committee for the Return of Confiscated German and Japanese Property; property of German diplomats in Spain; I.G. Farben trademarks registered in Japan; return of German assets in the U.S.; National Advisory Council on International Monetary and Financial Problems; claim of Fujiko Nakamura; Japanese bonds held by the state of California; German assets in Switzerland; legislation for the relief of Friedrich A. von Hoyningen-Huene, Michael Andreas von Hoyningen-Huene, Christian Berend Johann von Hoyningen-Huene, and Brigitte Anita Peck; claim of Shu Tomii; proposed legislation for return of German assets.

Principal Correspondents: Peter H. Pfund; Ely Maurer; Erwin Schneider; Howard W.
Cannon; Arthur R. Schor; John Foster Dulles; Douglas Dillon; Anthony J. Cefaratti; Ben H. Thibodeaux; Cooper Blyth; Henry J. Tasca; John W. Snyder; Dallas S. Townsend; Fujiko Nakamura; David E. Mark; Herbert P. Fales; Ernst Walz; William B. Macomber Jr.; Tokujiro Tanaka; Frank A. Waring; David Handler.

0787 OAP—The Interhandel Controversy Memorandum [1961].

Major Topics: Seizure by the U.S. in 1942 of Interhandel's holdings of shares in GAF;
relationship between Interhandel and I.G. Farben; Washington Accord, May 1946 (Allied-Swiss Accord); German assets in Switzerland; Treaty of Arbitration and Conciliation (between U.S. and Switzerland, 1931); International Court of Justice; Societe Internationale v. Clark; Societe Internationale v. Brownell; Trading with the Enemy Act.
Principal Correspondent: Charles E. Wilson.

Reel 5

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0001 OAP—Interhandel XIII [1960–1961 and 1969].

Major Topics: Decision of Netherlands Supreme Court in U.S. v. Bank voor Handel en Scheepvaart; Union Banking Corporation; Handelscompagnie Ruilverkeer; diplomatic maneuvering and negotiations in Interhandel case; press coverage; proposal for sale of GAF stock to private individuals; annual meeting of Interhandel shareholders; Interhandel appointment of Charles E. Wilson to seek a negotiated settlement with the U.S. on the GAF stock; decline in Interhandel stock price; U.S. examination of books of banking firm H. Sturzenegger and Cie; legislation to amend the Trading with Enemy Act; Washington Accord; possible effect on German-American relations of sale of GAF stock; Societe Internationale v. Rogers (recovery of GAF shares seized by the U.S. in 1942); International Court of Justice.

Principal Correspondents: I. H. Wildeboer; Thomas E. Summers; John B. Holt; C. Hoyt Price; Elias A. McQuaid; Ely Maurer; Henry Bardach; William B. Macomber Jr.; Walter Hollis.

0323 OAP—Interhandel XIV (a) [1958–1960, 1969, and undated].

Major Topics: Decision of Netherlands Supreme Court in U.S. v. Bank voor Handel en Scheepvaart; Union Banking Corporation; Handelscompagnie Ruilverkeer; Societe Internationale v. Rogers; I.G. Farben; Societe Internationale v. Brownell; Trading with the Enemy Act; Swiss government statement on the Interhandel case submitted to the International Court of Justice; Rogers v. Societe Internationale; Jacobs v. Brownell (regarding holdings of GAF stock).

0510 **OAP—Interhandel XIV** [1959–1969].

Major Topics: Proposal for sale of GAF shares; statement of Abram Chayes, State
Department legal adviser, before the Senate Judiciary Committee, Subcommittee on the
Trading with the Enemy Act, on the legal history of Interhandel case; legislation to amend
the Trading with the Enemy Act; Kelberine v. Societe Internationale (right of U.S.
citizens to profits from sale of GAF stock); sale of GAF shares in 1965; statements by
Interhandel president Charles de Loes at 1963 and 1964 stockholder's meetings; statement
by Interhandel vice president Alfred Schaefer at 1963 stockholder's meeting; diplomatic
maneuvering and negotiations in Interhandel case; press coverage.

Principal Correspondents: Frederick G. Dutton; Eric H. Hager; William D. Ruckelshaus; Ely Maurer; Dean Rusk; William R. Tyler; Leonard C. Meeker; Anthony L. Mondello; Henry B. Cox; George L. Rueckert; Konrad Bekker.

Reel 6

[Office of Alien Property cont.]

0001 OAP—Report of Examiners: General Dyestuff Corporation [1942–1943 and 1967].

Major Topics: Seizure of General Dyestuff Corporation stock by OAP in 1942; history of General Dyestuff Corporation; relationship of General Dyestuff Corporation to I.G. Farben and GAF; Trading with the Enemy Act.

Principal Correspondents: Ely Maurer; Barefoot Sanders.

0180 OAP—Vincze, Erno (Elizabeth Vincze Roboz) [1942–1965].

Major Topics: Vincze and Roboz v. Kennedy (dispute regarding ownership of money for purchase of furs in the U.S.); Vincze v. Rogers (suit to recover money vested under the International Claims Settlement Act of 1949); Erno Vincze Feinlederfabrika; Hungarian Ministry of Foreign Affairs; Manfred Weiss Steel and Metal Works, Ltd.; National City Bank; Rohner Gehrig & Co.

Principal Correspondents: John W. Douglas; Dallas S. Townsend; N. Spencer Barnes; Bernard Meltzer.

0295 OAP—Manfred Weiss & Erno Vincze Feinlederfabrika of Budapest, I [1944–1949].

Major Topic: Possible release of money in National City Bank to American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, Inc. from joint account of Manfred Weiss Steel and Metal Works, Ltd., and Erno Vincze Feinlederfabrika.

Principal Correspondent: Moses A. Leavitt.

0344 **OAP—Weiss, Manfred (v. United States) II [1943–1961].**

Major Topics: Possible release of money in National City Bank to American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, Inc. from joint account of Manfred Weiss Steel and Metal Works, Ltd., and Erno Vincze Feinlederfabrika; Jacques Kanitz; Compagnie de Development Agricole et Industriel (Codaf); Labor Trust Company Ltd.; vested and blocked assets of Bulgaria, Hungary, and Romania held by the U.S.; Heirs of Manfred Weiss v. U.S. (recovery of income taxes paid and determination of tax liability for Francis and Daisy Chorin, Eugene and Anne Weiss, Alfons and Elizabeth Weiss de Czepel, and Edith Weiss); release of documents to plaintiffs.

Principal Correspondents: John C. Campbell; R. C. Fenton; H. W. Auburn; H. J. Frank; George Eissler; Victor Bator; James E. Wood; Ely Maurer; George A. Spiegelberg; Andrew F. Oehmann; Stanley D. Metzger; Howard A. Heffron.

[German Assets]

0712 German Assets I [1948–1956].

Major Topics: Report from meeting of France, UK, U.S., Portugal, and FRG on German assets and looted gold in Portugal; Paris Reparation Refugee Fund; Intergovernmental

Committee on Refugees; negotiations regarding liquidation of German assets; U.S. property claims in Austria; Convention on the Settlement of Matters Arising out of the War and Occupation; disagreement between IARA members over status of German assets in Italy; amendments to Trading with the Enemy Act and the War Claims Act of 1948 to return German assets in the U.S.; OAP.

Principal Correspondents: J. Donald Kingsley; Abba P. Schwartz.

Reel 7

[German Assets cont.]

0001 German Assets I cont. [1952–1954].

Major Topics: Return of German assets in the U.S.; opposition of France to U.S. plan to return German assets and assertion that return violates Paris Agreement on Reparation; diplomatic and political maneuvering regarding status of German assets; Brussels Intercustodial Agreement; Bundestag report on German assets outside of Germany; IARA; Tripartite Commission.

Principal Correspondents: J. Lee Rankin; Richard E. Newkirk; Dwight D. Eisenhower; John Foster Dulles; William E. Jenner; Herman Phleger; Ely Maurer; Livingston T. Merchant.

0188 German Assets II [1957–1958].

Major Topics: Possible return of property of German diplomats in Spain; claims of Herman Loeper and Carl Loerky; OAP; diplomatic and political maneuvering regarding status of German assets; U.S. war damage claims against Germany; Algemene Kunstzijde Unie N.V.; German assets in Switzerland; opposition of France to U.S. plan to return German assets and assertion that return violates Paris Agreement on Reparation; meeting on dissolution of IARA; U.S. legislation for payment of war claims of U.S. citizens against Germany and return of German assets; Brussels Intercustodial Agreement.

Principal Correspondents: William B. Macomber Jr.; Dallas S. Townsend; Ely Maurer.

0435 German Assets III [1958–1979].

Major Topics: Jan Antonin Bata; claim regarding estate of Carl Oelbermann; property of German nationals found in customhouse vault in Laredo, Texas; meeting of Intergovernmental Study Group on Germany; German assets in Italy; diplomatic and political maneuvering regarding status of German assets; International Court of Justice; war claims of U.S. citizens against Germany; Paris Agreement on Reparation; Trading with the Enemy Act; War Claims Act of 1948; trademarks held by Sterling Products International, Inc.; German assets in Spain; claims of Luxembourg to German assets deposited in U.S. banks; German assets in Brazil.

Principal Correspondents: John R. Franklin; Ruth E. Ganister; Peter H. Pfund; Robert V. McIntyre; Herbert D. Swett; John H. Burns; Brooks Hays; William B. Macomber Jr.; James E. Hoofnagle; John J. Czyzak; Stanley G. Metzger.

0701 German Assets—Brazil [1957–1959].

Major Topic: Claim of Eugenio Soell.

Principal Correspondents: William B. Macomber Jr.; R. G. Walker; Stanley D. Metzger.

0726 German Assets—Japan I [1950].

Major Topics: Meetings of Tri-Power Advisory Committee; SCAP; Civil Property Custodian; German patents and trademarks in Japan; German shares in Titan Kogyo K.K., Gumucio y Compania, and Fuji Denki Seizo K.K.; liquidation of German-owned real estate in Japan; German shares in Nikko Seisakusho K.K. and Askania K.K.; IARA.

Principal Correspondents: Carl H. Boehringer; Niles W. Bond; Homer S. Fox.

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Major Topics: Meetings of Tri-Power Advisory Committee; SCAP; Civil Property Custodian; disposition of German shares in Askania K.K.; disposition of property of Emiko Werum, Susanne D. Knoller, and Hugo Dannehl; German patents and trademarks in Japan; Algemene Kunstzijde Unie N.V.; property owned by Reichsdeutsche Gemeinschaft (German Community) in Japan, German Society for the Study of the Nature and Ethnography of the Far East, Club Concordia (Kobe), and Club Germania (Yokohama); liquidation of German-owned real estate in Japan; German gold held in Japan; restrictions on sales to prevent return of property to German ownership; German shares in Gumucio y Compania; claim of Netherlands regarding Asahi Bemberg Kenshi K.K. shares; SCAP policy regarding German assets in Japan.

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0330 German Assets—Japan II [1951].

Major Topics: Meetings of Tri-Power Advisory Committee; SCAP; German shares in Fuji Denki Seizo K.K.; contract between Siemens Group and Furukawa Denki Kogyo K.K.; Civil Property Custodian; reconsideration of German nationals in Japan classified as "objectionable"; German patents and trademarks in Japan; property of German East Asia Society; property of Club Concordia; German accounts in Yokohama Specie Bank; property of Wilhelm Redecker; Askania K.K.; property of Fritz Schirmer; Standard Braid and Produce Company; Sanyo Shokai Goshi Kaisha; Sanyo Shokai K.K.; Goto Fuundo Company, Ltd.; liquidation of German-owned real estate in Japan; property of Hugo Dannehl and Anne Marie Kuenkele; Brussels Intercustodial Agreement; Algemene Kunstzijde Unie N.V.; German securities and other financial instruments in custody of SCAP; property of Hermann Kerner; Carl Lindstrom A.G.; Delacamp Piper & Company; German shares in Gumucio y Compania.

Principal Correspondents: Peyton Kerr; Carl H. Boehringer; John B. Cooley; F. E. Gillette; H. H. Thomas; Franklin Hawley; J. Meynen; Stanley Gilbert.

0653 German Assets—Japan III [1952].

Major Topics: Claim of Reich Office for Economic Sales (Rohstaff Handelsgesellschaft G.M.B.H. or ROGES); German-owned motion pictures held in Japan; estimated value of German assets in Japan; SCAP; Tri-Power Advisory Committee; German-owned real estate in Japan; German patents, trademarks, and copyrights in Japan; property of German nationals, corporations, and government; German ship claims; distribution to IARA member nations of proceeds from liquidation of German assets in Japan; enemy property accounts; Tripartite Commission for the liquidation of German assets in Japan; Tri-Power Advisory Committee meetings.

Principal Correspondents: Frank A. Waring; John Ward Cutler; Dean Acheson; Peyton Kerr; Tsuneo Uchida; C. C. B. Warden.

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0001 German Assets—Japan IV [1953–1955].

Major Topics: Proceeds from liquidation of German assets in Japan; German ship claims; property of Elisabeth Seiler; German copyrights in Japan; property of Willi Foerster;

diplomatic and political maneuvering regarding German assets in Japan; German trademarks; property of Siegfried Arndt; liquidation of German-owned real estate in Japan; IARA.

Principal Correspondents: J. Graham Parsons; Leslie L. Rood; W. W. Diehl; Frank A. Waring; Howard Staub; Peyton Kerr; H. L. Sharp; Stanley D. Metzger; Katsuo Okazaki.

0223 German Assets—Japan V [1956].

Major Topics: Tripartite Commission; diplomatic and political maneuvering regarding German assets in Japan; ROGES claim; German ship claims; German trademarks in Japan; liquidation of German consular property; Teikoku Sempaku K.K.; IARA; German patents and copyrights in Japan.

Principal Correspondents: Frank A. Waring; A. A. Darwood; D. J. McCarthy; Harvey Klemmer; George A. Morgan; Robert Goldsmith; Howard Staub; Naomitsu Kubotani; Yutaka Endo; Eric deBecker; Stanley D. Metzger; Ely Maurer.

0460 German Assets—Japan VI [1957–1959].

Major Topics: Tripartite Commission; I.G. Farben trademarks; diplomatic and political maneuvering regarding German assets in Japan; German ship claims; United Nations and Axis properties in Japan; SCAP; assets of "objectionable" and "non-objectionable" Germans; property of Willi Foerster.

Principal Correspondents: Gardner E. Palmer; Ben H. Thibodeaux; Cooper Blyth; William C. Ockey; Carl H. Boehringer; Cloyce K. Huston; Frank A. Waring; Robert Goldsmith.

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0001 German Assets—Japan VII [1960–1973].

Major Topics: Property of German nationals in Japan; Tripartite Commission; German ship claims; Austrian claim regarding property of Austrian nationals in Japan seized by Allied forces; liquidation of German assets.

Principal Correspondents: Ely Maurer; Howard Staub; Peter H. Pfund; Philip H. Trezise; R. M. Levy; K. B. Bush; John C. Leary; Keld Christensen; Ben H. Thibodeaux; Edward H. Dougherty; Gardner E. Palmer; Arthur Z. Gardiner.

0183 German Assets—Legislation I [1950–1956].

Major Topics: Bill to amend the International Claims Settlement Act of 1949; bill to amend Trading with the Enemy Act to return of German assets in the U.S.; OAP; Paris Agreement on Reparation; American Bar Association; bill to provide funds to pay U.S. nationals claims against Germany and Japan, and to amend the Trading with the Enemy Act and War Claims Act of 1948; bill regarding claims of U.S. nationals against Bulgaria, Hungary, Romania, and USSR; War Claims Commission; claims of POWs and civilian internees; bill to study physical and mental consequence of malnutrition and starvation suffered by prisoner of war and civilian internees; IARA rules of accounting; Memorandum of Understanding between UK, U.S., and Italy regarding German assets in Italy; definition of war claims; Treaty of Peace with Italy; physical and mental disabilities caused by imprisonment.

Principal Correspondents: Richard R. Ely; Robert Murphy; Herman Phleger; Thruston B. Morton; Daniel F. Cleary; Paul H. Douglas.

0554 German Assets—Legislation II [1955–1969].

Major Topics: Bills to amend War Claims Act of 1948; bill to determine claims of permanently disabled POWs and to confer jurisdiction on Court of Claims in claims disputes; tax credit for small businesses that received awards under War Claims Act of 1948; Committee for the Return of Confiscated German and Japanese Property; bills to

amend the Trading with the Enemy Act; statement of John J. Wilson, counsel for Interhandel, regarding amendments to Trading with the Enemy Act; return of assets to German and Japanese private citizens; statement of Dallas S. Townsend regarding amendments to Trading with the Enemy Act; claim of Shu Tomii; bills to amend International Claims Settlement Act of 1949, including payment of claims by U.S. citizens against Bulgaria, Hungary, Romania, Italy, and USSR.

Principal Correspondents: William B. Macomber Jr.; Robert H. Harlan; Lawrence E. Walsh; John S. Hoghland II; Ralph W. E. Reid; Whitney Gillilland.

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0001 German Assets—Luxembourg [1948–1959].

Major Topics: Claims of Luxembourg regarding German assets; Brussels Intercustodial Agreement; Allied Control Commission; question regarding transfer of property in Bulgaria, Hungary, and Romania to USSR.

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0103 **German Claims—Greek Debts [1972–1975].**

Major Topics: Diplomatic, political, and legal maneuvering regarding claims of Greek nationals against Germany for World War I reparations; dispute regarding payment of legal fees.

Principal Correspondents: Peter H. Pfund; Linwood Holton; Eric Hauser; James J. Armenakis; H. Plewnia.

0347 **German Claims—Greek Debts [1972–1976].**

Major Topics: Diplomatic, political, and legal maneuvering regarding claims of Greek nationals against Germany for World War I reparations; dispute regarding payment of legal fees; Kingdom of Greece v. Federal Republic of Germany (in Arbitral Tribunal for the Agreement on German External Debts).

Principal Correspondents: John P. Russell; James J. Armenakis.

0535 German Claims—Greek Debts [1971–1974].

Major Topics: Diplomatic, political, and legal maneuvering regarding claims of Greek nationals against Germany for World War I reparations; Kingdom of Greece v. Federal Republic of Germany (in Arbitral Tribunal for the Agreement on German External Debts). Principal Correspondent: Ely Maurer.

0627 German Claims—Greek Debts [1952 and 1970–1973].

Major Topics: Conference on German External Debts (1952); Deutsche Rentenbank Kreditanstalt (German Central Bank for Agriculture); Tripartite Commission on German Debts; Greco-German Mixed Arbitral Tribunal; Dawes Plan; London Agreement on German External Debts; diplomatic and political maneuvering regarding claims of Greek nationals against Germany for World War I reparations; revaluation of Deutsche mark; Bank for International Settlements; German Government International Loan 1930 (Young Loan).

Principal Correspondents: H. U. Granow; A. Pilavachi; Herman J. Abs; E. K. Venizelos; E. A. Marsden; Donald J. McGrew; John R. Petty; Ely Maurer; Donald A. Wehmeyer.

0817 German Claims—Greek Debts [1952–1953 and 1969–1970].

Major Topics: Diplomatic and political maneuvering regarding claims of Greek nationals against Germany for World War I reparations; Greco-German Mixed Arbitral Tribunal; Conference on German External Debts (1952); Arbitral Tribunal for the Agreement on German External Debts.

Principal Correspondents: Ely Maurer; Judson C. Jones; Henry J. Clay.

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0001 German Claims—Greek Debts [1951–1953].

Major Topics: Conference on German External Debts (1952); Tripartite Commission on German Debts.

Principal Correspondents: A. Pilavachi; H. U. Granow; Herman J. Abs.

0123 German Claims—Greek Debts [1951–1953].

Major Topics: Tripartite Commission on German Debts; diplomatic and political maneuvering regarding claims of Greek nationals against Germany for World War I reparations; Conference on German External Debts (1952); Greco-German Mixed Arbitral Tribunal.

Principal Correspondents: Leon V. Melas; A. Pilavachi; H. U. Granow; Herman J. Abs.

0410 German Claims—(Hermanowski, Julian) [1946–]1969.

Major Topics: Claim of Julian Hermanowski for damages to his health and property as a result of arrest in Warsaw and imprisonment in Sachsenhausen, Gusen, Mauthausen, and Dachau concentration camps from 1939 to 1945; assistance by Hermanowski to displaced persons; bankruptcy of Hermanowski; list of displaced persons assisted by Hermanowski.

Principal Correspondents: Julian Hermanowski; Ely Maurer; Harvey O. Woodward; Lucy S. Howorth; Murray H. Gray.

0632 German Claims—Arbitral Commission [1965–1971].

Major Topics: Termination of Arbitral Commission on Property, Rights, and Interests in Germany and disposition of its archives; *Scheidt v. Federal Republic of Germany*.

Principal Correspondents: Ely Maurer; Hugo Wickstrom; Joachim von Elbe; James S. Sutterlin; Coburn Kidd; Richard D. Kearney; Basil Capella; Martin H. A. van Heuven; Martin J. Hillenbrand; Henry F. Waldstein.

0793 German Claims—Higher Authorities [1958–1969].

Major Topics: Possible abolition of Federal Higher Authority for External Restitution and Federal Higher Authority for the Settlement of Foreign Claims for Return and Restoration; Hungarian claims against U.S. and Germany.

Principal Correspondents: Donald A. Wehmeyer; Joachim von Elbe; Ely Maurer; William R. Tyler.

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0001 German Claims—Overlap I [1964–1968].

Major Topics: Claim of Fred Singer under War Claims Act of 1948; Equalization of Burdens Law (Germany); Foreign Claims Settlement Commission; claims of U.S. citizens for war damages under U.S. and German laws.

Principal Correspondents: Ely Maurer; Hans A. Land; Andrew T. McGuire; Joachim von Elbe; Coburn Kidd; Gerard F. Charig; Edmund H. Schwenk; Richard D. Kearney; Jerome K. Holloway Jr.; Henry F. Waldstein; Herman Muller.

0342 German Claims—Overlap II [1969–1972].

Major Topics: Claim of Heinz Hermann Oppenheimer; Reparations Damage Law (Germany). Principal Correspondents: Heinz Hermann Oppenheimer; Donald A. Wehmeyer; David M. Abshire; Paul Neumann; Ely Maurer; Steven F. Ticho; Gerard F. Charig; Joachim von Elbe.

0855 German Claims—Yugoslav Prisoners of War [1967–1970].

Major Topic: Claims of former Yugoslav POWs of Germany for labor performed during their captivity.

Principal Correspondents: Martin J. Hillenbrand; Victor G. Reuther; John M. Kane; George Radin; Andrew E. Rice; Paul Sakwa; Donald A. Wehmeyer; Hubert H. Humphrey; H. G. Torbert Jr.; William L. Griffin; Elwood Williams III; Ely Maurer; William B. Macomber Jr.

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0001 German Claims—Yugoslav Prisoners of War [1970–1974].

Major Topics: Claims of former Yugoslav POWs of Germany for labor performed during their captivity; bill regarding negotiations between U.S. and FRG on claims of Yugoslav POWs; bill to authorize payment to Yugoslav POWs.

Principal Correspondents: George Radin; Marshall Wright; John N. Irwin II; Joseph L. Rauh Jr.; Paul Sakwa; John R. Stevenson; Felix M. Putterman; H. R. Rainwater; William L. Griffin; Rita E. Hauser.

0340 German Claims—German Prisoners of War [1953–1971].

Major Topics: Claims of German POWs of U.S., UK, and France; Office of Military Government for Germany (U.S.); Berliner Bank; United States High Commissioner for Germany; Department of Defense appropriations for 1969.

Principal Correspondents: Ely Maurer; John W. Tuthill; Edward K. Shultz; Elwood Williams III; H. E. Hamilton; R. L. Tracy; Walter Furst; Edgar J. Gordon; Donald J. McGrew.

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0568 **Japanese Assets—I [1946–1954].**

Major Topics: Administration of Japanese assets in Switzerland; disposition of Japanese assets in U.S. and Mexico; transfer of Japanese assets to the International Committee of the Red Cross; Japanese assets in Sweden, Italy, and Portugal; Japanese claims against German nationals; disposition of Japanese assets in Korea and Taiwan; Korean claim on ships registered in Korea and on ships in Korean waters on or after August 9, 1945.

Principal Correspondents: Douglas Henderson; Franklin C. Gowen; John Evarts Horner; P. G. Minneman; Robert W. Bean; Albert E. Pappano; Arthur D. Foley; John M. Allison.

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0001 Japanese Assets—II [1951–1985].

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Principal Correspondents: John F. Buckle; William P. Maddox; Walter Rollis; Milton K. Wells; Richard A. Poole; C. Montagu Pigott; Rupert Prohme; W. J. Gallman; Clifford C. Matlock; Walter J. Marx; Mikio Takagi; Philip H. Trezise; Anthony J. Cefaratti; Tokujiro Tanaka.

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- 0375 Federal Register—Regulations [1977].
- 0400 [Display of U.S. Flag, 1959–1976].

Major Topic: Rules and customs regarding display and use of the U.S. flag.

Principal Correspondents: Wes Uhlman; Sidney A. Diamond.

0441 World Tourism Organization [1977–1978].

Major Topics: Meetings of the World Tourism Organization in Madrid and Torremolinos,

Spain; World Tourism Organization statutes and rules of procedure.

Principal Correspondent: Ely Maurer.

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[Intergovernmental Relations]

0001 Intergovernmental Relations I [1982].

Major Topics: Refugee Act of 1980; International Bridge Act of 1972; Executive Order 11423 (construction and maintenance of border facilities); development assistance programs; cooperative agreement between State Department Bureau for Refugee Programs and World Relief Corporation Department of Refugee Services; refugee resettlement programs; International Boundary and Water Commission; Executive Order 12372 (intergovernmental review of federal programs).

Principal Correspondents: Richard T. Kennedy; Harold I. Steinberg; Kenneth W. Dam; Ely Maurer; Michael G. Kozak; Richard S. Isen; Joel Gerber; Davis R. Robinson.

0477 Intergovernmental Relations II [1983].

Major Topic: Executive Order 12372 (intergovernmental review of federal programs).

Principal Correspondents: Ely Maurer; Harold I. Steinberg; Cheryl S. Hutchinson; Constance Lieder; Peter D. Lynch; Ruth K. Kretschmer; Eddie McCluskey; Harry West; Horace H. Brown; Mark White: Jay Hogan; Ed Herschler; Richard T. Kennedy.

0715 Intergovernmental Relations III [1983–1985].

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