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Reurads Sept, CC-1701 Oct, CC-1796 Oct, CC-2145  
couad Sept WX-85662.

## 1. Re CC-1701.

(A) In defining monetary gold you should be guided by ANGELIS report and by definition included in Tripartite Gold Commission questionnaire, which refers to monetary gold as "all gold which, at time of its looting or wrongful removal, was carried as part of the claimant country's central bank or other monetary authority at home or abroad." Altho definition gold in questionnaire is for purpose providing basis for claims by nations rather than for distinction between mon gold and other gold in GERMANY, criterion of "monetary reserve" considered important; thus question is not only whether gold in GERMANY is bullion or coin but also whether if German gold it was held by German Govt or Reichsbank or other German monetary auth as part of German monetary reserve, or if looted from some other country, it was held by respective govt's central bank or monetary auth as part of that country's monetary reserve.

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## PAR

(B) Your War 5. This gold is not monetary, inasmuch as it does not appear to satisfy any of criteria. CZECHO also appears to regard this gold as other than monetary. If there is substantial evidence this gold is melted concentration camp loot, it shld be considered non-monetary under WX-85682 and turned over to PCIRO. However, if substantial evidence that gold in question was not derived from concentration camp loot and was obtained principally from Czech sources, request you suspend any action and transmit full info.

(C) If gold is in fact concentration camp loot, question of restitutability thereof to CZECHO does not arise in opinion of this govt. ACC definition of restitution speaks of "identifiable property" removed by force as subj to restitution. View of this govt is that gold in question wld not be identifiable within meaning ACC definition and therefore not subj to restitution. Similarly, MELMER deliveries or similar loot not subj to restitution to countries where respective concentration camps were located, because not identifiable (Urad CC-1796, CC-2145), therefore subj delivery PCIRO. Furthermore, property this type not considered to have determinable "national origin" within meaning our WX-85682, inasmuch as location of particular concentration camp where loot was assembled not regarded as bearing on "national" source.

(D) Your Par 8. Identifiable numismatic gold coins are subj to restitution in ordinary way. Agree your proposal Par 8 re disposition gold which is not monetary or non-monetary.

2. Reurad Sept CC-1796.

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(A) Agree your procedure and proposals re disposition envelopes. Desirable explore all reasonable possibilities of internal or external restitution before delivering personnel WL-85682. Your procedure appears to offer adequate safeguards this respect.

(B) Init and comments your Par 6 valuable and greatly appreciated.

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CC-1701	NOT IDENTIFIED IN SMC FILES
CC-1795	NOT IDENTIFIED IN SMC FILES
CC-8175	SMC IN 9249 15 OCT 47 D/CAD
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