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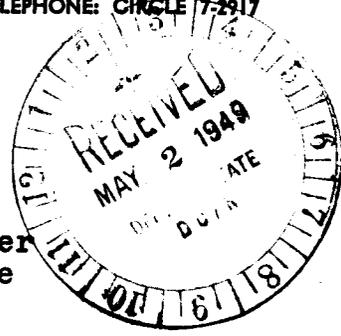
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Dear Sir:

1. This is in reference to my enquiry of Dec. 29, 1948 and your reply of Jan. 17, 1949, relative to German-Jewish assets in Switzerland.

Following the receipt of your letter, I once again contacted the Swiss Legation in Washington. They transmitted to Bern the request for deblocking properties of victims of racial and religious persecution, residents of Germany whose assets are in Switzerland. However, no action has so far been taken by the Swiss Government in this matter.

A report from Bern states that a conference on the question of liquidation of German assets in Switzerland will be held in Washington next month. It seems to me that it would be proper to deal at this conference also with the question of the assets referred to above.

2. According to Part I, Art. 8(C) of the Paris Agreement on Reparation, Switzerland was to make available for the benefit of victims of Nazi action assets of such victims who have died and left no heirs (heirless refugee assets).

As you know, nothing has as yet been done by the Swiss authorities to comply with the afore-cited provision of Art. 8, despite interventions by the powers charged there-with under the Agreement of 14 June 1946, and by various organizations. I think that this question should also form part of the discussions to be held next month. A solution of this problem is imperative in view of the dire needs of the organizations caring for the refugees for whose benefit

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Art. 8 was drafted. Furthermore, it is a matter of justice and respect for obligations arising from treaties, to which reference is made in the preamble of the Charter of the United Nations.

I would appreciate it very much if you could confirm that it is the intention of the Department of State to include the two mentioned questions in the agenda of the discussions on German assets in Switzerland.

Sincerely yours,

N. Robinson

Nehemiah Robinson
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