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OFFENBACH ARCHIVAL DEPOT
OFFICE OF MILITARY GOVERNMENT
LAND GREATER HESSE

Offenbach Det F-13
2nd MG Bn (Sep)
APO 633
30 April 1946

SUBJECT: Monthly Report, April 1946.
(Auth: MG Regulations, ~~Title 18~~-612, Modified)

TO : Colonel J. R. NEWMAN, Director
Office of Military Government
Land Greater Hesse

A. Administration

1. Location. I. G. Farben, 169 Mainstrasse, Offenbach-am-Main, SK Offenbach. One building, 5 stories.

2. Personnel.

a. United States.

(1) S. J. Pomrenze, Captain, AGD, 0-1995153. (Auth: P. 3, S. O. 54, Hq 2nd MG Bn (Sep), 16 Mar 46)
(2) I. Bencowitz, Captain, SR, 0-527425. (Auth: P. 12, S.O. 88, Hq 2nd MG Bn (Sep), 15 Apr 46)
(3) G. H. Goodman, Civilian, US Citizen DP status.

b. German

(1) Total, 176.
(2) List of employees by branch and section, see Inclosure 2.

c. Liaison.

(1) Lt. Colonel Jean Prinet, Bibliotheque Nationale, Paris.
(2) Major Ihr. Dr. Dirk Petrus Marius Graswinckel, Head of the Netherlands National Archives.
(3) Commandant P. de Laboulaye, French Restitution Officer.
(4) Commandant Ph. Gangnat, French Restitution Officer.
(5) Mr. (Capt) Johannes Georg Schönau, Dutch Restitution Officer.
(6) Captain H. Jaffe, Dutch Restitution Officer.
(7) 1st Lt. Raymond LeMaire, Belgian Restitution Officer.
(8) Professor Koppel S. Pinson, Official Representative of the American Joint Distribution Committee to this Depot.
(9) Mr. David Clift, Official Representative of the Library of Congress Mission to this Depot.

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3. Building.

a. Security. No change.

b. State of Repair: No change.

c. Maintenance. No change.

d. Heating Supplies. No change.

4. Receipt of Documents.

a. 240 cases, wooden, standard transported from Fechenheim, Sk. Frankfurt. (Auth: Ltr, OMGUS, Maj LaFarge to Capt Kelleher, dated 3 Apr 46.) Cases contain books from various libraries and scientific institutes, mostly Russian. Completed 18 Apr 46.

b. Move commenced of approximately 300 cases of books and other library materials from Schloss Banz, Rbz. Mittelfranken. (Auth: Ltr, OMG, Bavaria, to OMG, LGH, MFAandA, dated 6 Apr 46.) Ownership of material is mainly Netherlands.

c. Authorization has been received for the removal from Berlin District of approximately 250,000 books and other library materials for sorting and restitution. (Auth: Ltr, OMGUS, Colonel John H. Allen to Director, OAD, dated 16 Apr 46.)

d. 4 cases of books and other library materials from an SS Library, originally at Berlin-Dahlem. Material brought from Oberkirchberg, Lk. Ulm, Land Württemberg-Baden by Mr. Julius Allen, Library of Congress Mission Representative, to Fechenheim, 14 Apr 46, and received at this Depot 16 Apr 46.

5. Important Visitors and Events.

a. Visitors.

(1) Capt. Leonhard R. Allen, OMG, LGH, Det F-13. 29 Mar 46.
(2) Professor Richard H. Bauer, US Zone Constabulary School, Sonthofen, 29 Mar 46.
(3) Mr. Jesse I. Boell, Archivist, OMGUS. 30 Mar and 7 Apr 46.
(4) Mr. William H. Cates, CIC. 8 Apr 46.
(5) Capt. S. G. Garlock, OMG, LGH, Det F-13. 6, 11 and 15 Apr 46.
(6) Mr. G. W. Glennon, Library of Congress Mission Representative. 2 Apr 46.
(7) Mr. Norman Glick, CIC. 17 Apr 46.
(8) Lt. P. Herschend, MI. 18 Apr 46.
(9) Mr. L. S. Hill, Library of Congress Mission. 3 Apr 46.
(10) Capt. P. J. Kelleher, MFAand A Spec O, LGH. 11 Apr 46.
(11) Mr. James Kohler, AJDC. 9 Apr 46.

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(12) Mr. Hans Lamm, American Jewish Conference. 13 Apr 46.
(13) Mr. Philipp G. Langleg, AJDC. 9 Apr 46.
(14) Mr. Al Miller, USFET. 6 Apr 46.
(15) Mr. L. Nilant, Dutch Officor. 2 Apr 46.
(16) Chaplain Isaiah Rackovsky, USFET. 31 Mar 46.
(17) Capt. Edith A. Standen, Wiesbaden Art Collecting Center. 11 Apr 46.
(18) Mr. Isaac Stone, Nürnberg War Crimes Commission. 29 Mar 46.
(19) Capt. H. O. Thomas, Dutch Officer. 9 Apr 46.
(20) Mr. J. de Vyner, CIC. 16 and 17 Apr 46.

b. Events.

30 Mar 46 - Loading of 4 additional freight cars with French materials commenced.
31 Mar 46 - Major Graswinckel leaves for inspection trip in Bavaria.
2 Apr 46 - Lt. Col. Prinet arranges for sufficient lumber to build about 2000 boxes.
3 Apr 46 - Professor Pinson returns from Berlin.
4 Apr 46 - Major Graswinckel returns from Munich.
6 Apr 46 - Nine freight cars of French restitution books and other library materials leave for Mayence.
10 Apr 46 - Second Dutch barge, "Buiten Verwachting", arrives.
11 Apr 46 - Conference with Lt. Raymond LeMaire, Belgian Restitution Officer. Subject: Restitution of Belgian Books and other Library Materials. Second barge loaded with Dutch and Belgian cases and departed for the Netherlands.
13 Apr 46 - Captain Isaac Bencowitz, replacement for Captain Pomrenze, arrives. Mr. J. G. Schönau, Dutch Restitution Officer, assisting Major Graswinckel, arrives.
15 Apr 46 - Captain Pomrenze leaves for Berlin.
16 Apr 46 - Loading of packages of Preussische Staatsbibliothek commenced.
17 Apr 46 - Captain Pomrenze returns from Berlin.

Accomplishments:

a. Permission to move Preussische Staatsbibliothek to OMG, Berlin District.
b. Permission to transfer all books from Berlin to Offenbach.
c. Appointment of Dr. Jacob Zuckermann, Library of Congress Mission Representative, to supervise move of books and other library materials from Berlin to Offenbach.

19 Apr 46 - Captain Pomrenze leaves for the Netherlands.

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22 Apr 46 - Loading of 23 freight cars of Preussische Staatsbibliothek and other library materials completed.

23 Apr 46 - Mr. Goodman brings first truckload of books and other materials from Schloss Banz, Rbz. Mittelfranken, Bavaria to Offenbach.

25 Apr 46 - Captain Pomrenze returns from the Netherlands.
23 freight cars leave for Berlin with Captain Charles Carter III, MGO LK. Offenbach, officer-in-charge.

6. Transportation Available. No change.

7. Miscellaneous.

a. List of Library Collections at Depot. (See Inclosure 4)

Corrected Tentative List, to Inclosure 7 of March Monthly Report, ~~are~~ given. As the sorting process progresses the list of libraries whose property was stolen grows larger. Captain Bencowitz is preparing a photographic file of the library stamps in the items to facilitate sorting and restitution. It is suggested that requests for lists of libraries from higher headquarters not ~~to~~ be included in movement directives since it is impossible to comply with such orders until the boxes are opened and the items sorted.

b. Sorting Program.

The division of labor in the sorting department has expedited the restitution of materials greatly. There are now 11 sorting units (each unit contains a sorter 3 stamp seekers (Stempelsucher), 1 packer) at work. Items with stamps of western countries are sorted and identified at the rate of 30000 items per day. Items with Hebrew and Slavic stamps require specialized personnel and very little sorting in that line has been accomplished. With the addition of Captain Bencowitz to the staff of the Depot the sorting of books in Slavic languages will move faster.

8. Recommandations.

a. Depot as sole archival restitution agency.

The letter of 26 Mar 46 recommending that this Depot be designated as the sole archival depot in the US Zone whereto all books and other library materials be moved when sorting by country of origin is required prior to restitution is still under consideration. It is suggested that this or some similar plan be effectuated soonest since there are tons of books and other library materials scattered throughout the US Zone without adequate preperation for restitution.

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B. Summary of Operations.

1. Inventory of Books and Other Library Materials in Depot (Estimate, conservative). 25 April 1946.

a. Totals by Floors, Cases, Piles, Stacks and Packages:

Floor	Cases	Piles (in Cubic meters)	Stacks and Packages
1	834	-	-
2	45	101	-
3	213	63	-
4	340	127	-
5	-	6	-
TOTAL	1432	297	-

b. Totals in items (books, pamphlets, newspapers etc.)

1432 cases at 220 items per case equal	315,040
297 cu.meters at 1750 items per cu meters equal	519,750
Stacks and packages	None
Total in Depot as of, 25 Apr 46	834,790
Total in Depot as of 25 Mar 46	1,598,470
Total received in Apr 46	82,280
Total shipped from 25 Mar 46 to 25 Apr 46	779,305
Total shipped from 1 Mar 46 to 24 Mar 46	242,840
Grand Total shipped from Activation to 25 April 46 . .	1,022,145

2. List of items shipped out as of 25 April 1946.

a. Dutch Restitution.

394 cases, Groot Oosten Nederlande, The Hague, and other Netherlands Freemason lodges.
101 cases. Nederlandische Israelitische Seminarium, Amsterdam.
28 cases, Various Dutch Libraries.
10 cases, Etz Chaim Seminarium, Amsterdam.
1 case. Correspondence of Netherlands officials.
1 case. Photographic and art materials.

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1 case. Spinoza Haus, Amsterdam.
1 library file case. Etz Chaim Seminarium, Amsterdam.
2 cases. Holy Scrolls (Toroth) belonging to The Netherlands Jewish Communities.

b. French Restitution.
476 cases. Alliance Israélite Universelle de Paris, Ecole Rabbinique de Paris, Bibliothèque de Chinon and French Free Mason items.
37 cases. Lipschütz Frères.
10 cases. Bank Rothschild Frères.

c. Belgian Restitution.
9 cases. Free Mason items and material from various Jewish libraries from Antwerps and Brussels.

d. American Joint Distribution Committee Loan.

Total as of 31 Mar 46	5682 items.
1 Apr 46	1828 items.
5 Apr 46	2153 items.
10 Apr 46	348 items.
11 Apr 46	404 items.
15 Apr 46	3306 items.
16 Apr 46	2274 items.
23 Apr 46	3132 items.
TOTAL	19127 items.

e. Library of Congress Mission.

1 Apr 46 --	24 boxes, 2118 books.	
4 Apr 46 --	25 cartons (cardboard)	877 books.
	4 cases (wooden)	115 books.
	2 cases (wooden)	Periodical "Welt=kampf".
	3 cases (wooden)	Nazi Newspapers and Pamphlets.
10 Apr 46 --	28 boxes	1710 books.
	1 carton (cardboard)	61 books.
	2 cartons (cardboard)	Pamphlets.
17 Apr 46 --	19 cartons (cardboard)	1234 items.
24 Apr 46 --	30 boxes, Nazi newspapers.	
	13 cartons (cardboard)	1015 items.

S. J. POMRENZE
Capt. AGD
Director OAD

4 Incls.
Incl. 1 - Floor Plan of Depot as of 25 Apr 46.
Incl. 2 - List of Personnel as of 25 Apr 46.
Incl. 3 - List of Religious Objects and other Valuables.
Incl. 4 - Corrected Tentative List of Library and Archival Collections at the OAD.