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The Minister at Bern refers to the Legation's airgram No. A-21 dated January 21, 1948 and has the honor to transmit herewith a translation of the inventory of German assets prepared for the Joint Commission by the Swiss Compensation Office. The Legation's comments will be forwarded after it has had the opportunity of discussing this inventory with the other Allied members of the Joint Commission and the Swiss Compensation Office.

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- 1. Inventory of German assets (in translation)

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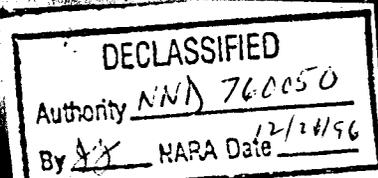
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INVENTORY OF GERMAN ASSETS

ASSETS BELONGING TO PERSONS DOMICILEDIN GERMANY

as of June 30, 1947

Value as of February 16, 1945.

<u>I. General</u>	Amount in millions of francs
Total assets declared belonging to persons domiciled in Germany	581
<u>Deductions in conformity with Washington Accord of May 25, 1946:</u>	
Assets of the Reichsbank and of the German State 1) (Annex VII)	53
Credits subject to adjustment via the clearing (Annex IV/A)	61 ²⁾
Assets belonging to persons domiciled in Germany but who are citizens of a third country (Annex IV/B/\$1.)	13
Total	127
<u>Deductions according to decree of the Federal Council of February 26, 1946:</u>	
Deposit of merchandise on consignment . . (Art. 5 § 1)	16 ²⁾
<u>Total of assets falling under the terms of the Washington Accord:</u>	<u>438</u>

- 1) including assets of the Reichsbahn and its companies, if they are included in the inventory
- 2) consideration must be made for debts and credits which may be compensated by declared credits amounting to about 19 million francs.

II. Distribution

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II. Distribution of assets according to location
and according to the domicile of the debtor.

	Amount in millions of francs
Total assets falling under the Wash- ton Accord	438 ===
of which foreign deposits amount to ¹⁾	74 ²⁾
less debts amounting to ³⁾	<u>7</u>
<u>Net assets abroad</u>	67 ===
of which deposits in Switzerland amount to	398 ⁴⁾
less debts amounting to ³⁾	<u>27</u>
<u>Net assets in Switzerland</u>	371 ⁵⁾ ===

- 1) Assets deposited outside of Switzerland and titles which represent or incorporate credits or rights which are to be exercised abroad. (To be considered as assets located abroad are both bonds issued by a foreign debtor and deposited in Switzerland and bonds issued in Switzerland and deposited abroad.)
- 2) of which 75 million Reichsmark are evaluated in the inventory at 21.5 million francs representing assets deposited in Germany or credits worded in Reichsmark. The greater part of these assets serve as guarantee for debts contracted against Switzerland of which the value, in general, is superior to the value of the assets. After deduction of the debts, the assets remaining in Germany are evaluated in the inventory at 15.4 million francs.
- 3) The mortgages on landed property situated abroad have been deducted from the value of this property abroad. All the other debts have been deducted, from the very beginning, from assets in Switzerland.
- 4) Among the purely Swiss assets there are credits amounting to about 7 million francs of doubtful or contested character or of which the maturity is subject to certain conditions.
- 5) Estimation according to declarations. The value of the participations indicated by the declarants has been accepted by the Swiss Compensation Office without the latter having made a new evaluation on the basis of the assets and liabilities of the companies.

III. Classification

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<u>III. Classification of assets according to their nature</u>	Amount in millions of francs
1 Gold	8
2 Assets in bank	65
3 Assets in current accounts ¹⁾	16
4 Loans, mortgages, etc. ¹⁾	7
5 Bonds and mortgage bonds ¹⁾	64
6 Quoted shares (see 13)	14
7 Merchandise ²⁾	31 ³⁾
8 Patents, licenses, etc.	1
9 Landed property ⁴⁾	39
10 Rights deriving from insurance policies	2
11 Other assets	5
12 Advances in current accounts having the nature of a participation.	10
13 Participations, including unquoted shares	<u>136</u> ⁵⁾
Total of the assets.	398
15 Mortgages	13
16 Other debts.	<u>17</u>
Total debts	30 ⁶⁾
17 Excess debts ⁷⁾/ . 3
Debts covered by the declared assets	<u>27</u> ⁸⁾
18 <u>Net assets in Switzerland</u>	<u>371</u> ====

- 1) With the exception of credits having the character of a participation, which are classed in group 12.
- 2) Merchandise not subject to adjustment with the clearing destined for export, merchandise paid for in advance the clearing as well as merchandise in free port or with benefit of a permit.
- 3) The merchandise in free port (with permit) of I.G. Farben A.G., Frankfurt, declared for a value of frs. 6.3 million, was liquidated on October 30, 1947 at 6.5 million francs.
- 4) Including the hydroelectric stations of the Rhine (dams and rights to utilize the power), total 12 million francs.
- 5) See note 5, page 2.
- 6) Including debts worded in RM: 2.1 mill. RM = 2.6 mill. francs.
- 7) Debts exceeding the value of the declared assets.
- 8) Consideration must be given to credits which may be compensated and which reach a sum of 4.6 million francs.

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(From Decree of the Swiss Federal Council of February 26, 1946
concerning payments with Germany - referred to on page 1 of
inventory.)

Art. 5.

Payments concerning merchandise of German origin which was imported into Switzerland before May 9, 1945, and the other payments which should have been made before that date, are to be made to the Swiss National Bank by May 31, 1946 at the very latest. This date is also valid for the payment of the counter-value of merchandise which has not yet been sold; in case the obligation of payment for unsold merchandise should constitute an excessively rigorous measure, the Swiss Compensation Office may grant an extension of the time limit. The payment must be made no matter whether the creditor no longer exists, his present address is unknown, doubts exist as to his identity or no obligation of private law exists. The payment to the Swiss National Bank has the effect of liberation. This effect of liberation applies equally to payments made to the Swiss National Bank before the validation of this decree and which it was no longer possible to transfer to the beneficiary.

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