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My dear Mr. Robinson:

Reference is made to your letters of April 28, 1949 and May 12, 1949 relative (a) to assets in Switzerland belonging to victims of Nazi persecution and (b) to assets of such victims who have died and left no heirs.

The representatives of the Department of State expect to take up with the other conferees the matter of the application of the Swiss-Allied Accord to the assets in Switzerland belonging to victims of Nazi persecution.

With relation to the question of heirless assets, Part I, Article 8 (c) of the Paris Agreement on Reparation, the Department does not consider this to be a subject properly within the scope of the proposed discussions. However, the Department is mindful of the problem; and if the time should be opportune, the Department will make another approach to the Swiss, joined by the British and French if possible, collateral to but during the current negotiations.

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Sincerely yours,

Willard L. Thorp
Assistant Secretary

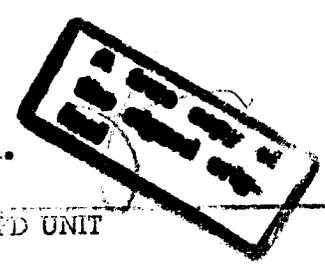
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