

JEWISH CULTURAL RECONSTRUCTION, INC.

1841 Broadway, New York 23, N. Y.

c/o Central Collecting Point
Landesmuseum,
WIESBADEN

January 21, 1950

Mr. Theodore A. Heinrich
Cultural Affairs Adviser,
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APO 633, US Air Force

Dear Mr. Heinrich,

I thank you very much for your kind reception on January 18, 1950, and I want to tell you how much I enjoyed the hour in your office.

I am writing you to-day as we agreed.

1. Two thirds of the books of the German-Jewish institutional , collections which are now being sorted in the Depot will either be shipped or be ready for shipment at the end of February. In order to allocate the remainder, we shall need those individually owned books which eventually will be ready for distribution.

Apart from those of the individually owned books which are claimed and which therefore will not be given to us, we propose the following procedure:

In all cases in which one owner possesses six or more books, we shall make every effort to locate the former owner or his heirs. We shall type out the list of all these persons, photo-state them, deposit them in the major Jewish organizations and institutions all over the world and then give this list a vast publicity through newspaper advertising all over the world. We shall not touch this category until a reasonable time has elapsed for claims. However, we may want to remove this category from the Wiesbaden Depot to Paris because we have in a warehouse of the American Joint Distribution Committee in Paris the books of the Baltic collection which, as you know, are being ruled by the same procedure. We probably will want to combine the publicity campaign for the owners of the individually owned books in Wiesbaden with the publicity campaign for the owners of the Baltic collection.

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2. I told you that we have reasonable hope to come into the possession of considerable archival material in the near future. These are Jewish archives which have been found in the State and municipal archives in Bavaria, undoubtedly heirless Jewish property which is now being prepared for restitution.

You kindly assured me that the Central Collecting Point will be in a position to receive this material and that, provided we do not need more space than we dispose of at this moment, we shall be permitted to sort this material here. This material will be claimed by the Jewish Restitution Successor Organization before it enters the Collecting Point. It therefore should be understood that Jewish Cultural Reconstruction in agreement with the Jewish Restitution Successor Organization should have the right to remove this material from the Collecting Point as they may deem advisable.

Thanking you very much, I am most sincerely,

Yours,

Hannah Arendt
Executive Secretary