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Title: Selected Records from the Bernard Bernstein Nazi Gold File, 1945-1988.

Extent: 5 boxes ; 82 microfiche

Provenance: The collection was received by the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum on 3 November 1999 from the Harry S. Truman Presidential Library and Museum (National Archives and Records Administration).

Biographical/historical note: Bernard Bernstein served as a Lt. Colonel and Colonel in the United States Army during the war. Col. Bernstein was Financial Advisor in the Office of the Military Governor, United States (OMGUS). An attorney by training, Bernstein was involved in investigating the economic assets of the Third Reich, particularly its looted gold, in the later years of the war.

Restrictions on access: No restrictions on access.

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Organization and arrangement: Arrangement is alphabetical by subject.

Language: English.

Preferred citation: Standard citation for the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum Collections Division, Archives Branch. Cite the Truman Presidential Library and Museum as holder of originals.

Scope and content: This collection contains correspondence, reports, newspaper clippings, and other materials concerning Nazi Germany's gold and other financial assets. Much of this material relates to the discovery by U.S. forces of a large cache of Nazi treasure in the Kaiseroda salt mine at Merkers, Germany, in April 1945. Colonel Bernstein was responsible for safeguarding and preparing an inventory of these valuables, which included gold, currency, works of art, and loot taken from victims in Nazi concentration or extermination camps. Also includes documentation of the financial aspects of the war, efforts to compensate the victims of Nazi aggression, and the continuing interest among journalists and historians in the wealth and plunder of the Third Reich.

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RG-30.006*04*05: Josiah E. DuBois – Draft of 1973 Oral history interview with the Harry S. Truman Library and correspondence with Bernstein.

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RG-30.006*05*04: Germany – Financial and property control technical manual, Military Government, 1944.

RG-30.006*05*05: Germany – Handbook for Military Government in Germany prior to defeat or surrender, December 1944.

RG-30.006*05*06: Germany – Handbook governing policy and procedure for the military occupation of Germany, December 1944.

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- RG-30.006*06*07: Military Government, division A – Finance section [list of personnel, etc. 1943-1945]
- RG-30.006*06*08: New York State – Proposed legislation to create unclaimed foreign deposits fund to compensate victims of Nazi aggression, 1947.
- RG-30.006*06*09: Personal – Clippings, correspondence, etc., regarding Dondero attack.
- RG-30.006*06*10: Reparations, restitution, and indemnification for losses suffered by the Jewish people; a speech delivered by Colonel Bernard Bernstein to the American Jewish Conference, February 19, 1946.
- RG-30.006*06*11: Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Force (SHAEF) – *Civil Affairs and You*, May 1944.
- RG-30.006*06*12: SHAEF – *Greetings from SHAEF G-5 to the Motion Picture Executives of the United States of America*, July 5, 1945.
- RG-30.006*06*13: SHAEF – *Standard Policy and Procedure for Combined Civil Affairs Operations in North West Europe*, May 1, 1944.
- RG-30.006*06*14: SHAEF – Telephone directory, country units, June 1, 1944.
- RG-30.006*06*15: SHAEF – Telephone directory, March 14, 1945.
- RG-30.006*06*16: SHAEF – Telephone directories, 1944-1945.