# Selected records from the Foreign Office: Embassy and Consulate, Switzerland: General Correspondence (FO 192)

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# **Custodial History**

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# **Scope and Content of Collection**

Contains general correspondence from the British Embassy and Consulate in Switzerland relating to the implementation of the Washington Accord (Allied-Swiss Accord) relating to Allied efforts to recover and restore gold and other assets stolen or hidden by Germany during World War II in Switzerland.

# System of Arrangement

This collection is arranged thematically.

# Indexing Terms

Holocaust, Jewish (1939-1945) -- Switzerland. Great Britain--Foreign Office.

# Inventory:

File	Description
FO 192/ 199 100 pp. approx. Oct 46 - Feb 47	Implementation of Washington Accord. Correspondence RE progress reports, memo that discusses press reports of the number of Nazis living in Switzerland and what they might do with their assets. Currency, arbitrage tribunal, and other issues.
FO 192/ 200 150 pp. approx.	Implementation of Washington Accord. Part 3. Correspondence RE treatment of German war material as assets, payment to the

Feb - May 1947	Intergovernmental Committee on Refugees (discusses Jews specifically), and other issues.
FO 192/ 201 150 pp. approx. Sep 47 - Jan 48	Implementation of Washington Accord. Part 5. Correspondence RE inter-custodial problems, Swiss/German clearing exchange rate, Swiss census of German assets, arbitral tribunal, title documents, and other issues.
FO 192/ 202 100 pp. approx. Apr 47 - Apr 48	Joint Commission Minutes. Part 2. Topics include transformation of German assets, double nationality, blocked firms, methods of sales, lists of Germans to be repatriated, notification of sales, and individual cases.
FO 192/ 203 25 pp. approx. Oct 47 - Apr 48	Safehaven in Switzerland: Progress Reports. Reports concern the liquidation of German assets in Switzerland. Reports follow the same format, covering the following issues: rate of exchange, arbitral tribunal, relations with I.A.R.A., Inter-custodial problems, German state property, repatriation of Germans, allowance of Sw.Frs. 50.000.000, and looted gold.
FO 192/ 204 25 pp. approx. May 46 - Oct 47	Swiss-Allied Accord of 25 May 1946: Progress Reports. (see above)
FO 192/ 205 150 pp. approx. plus 4 large maps	Office Suisse de Compensation - Service de la liquidation des biens Fallemandes. Discusses mainly Swiss material compensations from Germany. In French. 1947-48

FO 192/206 Correspondence between British legation in Berne and Foreign100 pp. approx. Office RE compensation in Switzerland under Washington Accord.Jan - Jun 1948