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The Secretary of State
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re: FA

Sir,

This is to file my claims for restitution of damages I suffered by actions of the Nazi authorities and (or) Nazi individuals. I was born at St. Goarshausen, Germany, now in the French occupation zone, where I used to live till February 28, 1938, when I moved with my family to Frankfurt/Main. In August 1939 I left Germany for England, and on March 13th, 1940, I arrived in this country. On January 18th, 1946, I became a citizen of the U.S.A. at Pittsburgh, Pa., under number 6340187. At that time I changed my name from "Erwin Weikersheimer" into "Erwin Weikers". In the old country I was known under the former name.

My damages add up as follows:

- A. I owned the property located at Forstbachstrasse 16, St. Goarshausen on the River Rhine. I inherited this property from my parents, whose only child I was. My mother died on May 30, 1919, my father on Jan. 6, 1927. Under Nazi pressure I had to sell it, which I did on December 1, 1937. While the value was at least Reichsmark (RM) 20000.--, I had to sell at RM 12500.--. This meant a loss of RM 7500.00.
- B. In the before mentioned property I owned and ran a general store, that my grandfather had founded, and which was registered under the name of J. Rosenthal. I had a well sized stock of furniture, ready-to-wear mens, women's and children's clothing, fabrics, lingerie, hoseries, haberdashery, notions, curtains, china, glassware etc, the value of which at the time, when I had to go out of business (March 1, 1938), I estimate at at least ~~RM~~ RM 30000.--. In a going-out-of-business-sale I cleared off a smaller part of this stock under cost-price. The remainder, however, I had to sell to Jewish welfare institutions and to merchants dealing in merchandize out of liquidations at not even half the cost-price. All in all I estimate the proceeds out of the whole stock at about RM 15000.--, which amounts to a loss of RM 15000.00
- C. In the above mentioned business I did a lot of business on credit. With the Nazis in power, many of my debtors refused to pay their debts. The total amount of my loss out of this source is RM 18000.00
- I do not remember the names of all of my debtors, neither the exact amount each of them owed me, but here is a partial list with approximate amounts:
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| Phillip Adam Michel Witwe, Bornich | RM 800.00 |
| Josef Nermerich, Dahlheim | RM 750.00 |
| Konrad Kirdorf Witwe, Wismar | RM 180.00 |
| Eduard Woell, St. Goarshausen | RM 150.00 |

Jacob Griebel, St. Goarshausen	RM 180.00
Willy Griebel, Oberbachheim	RM 200.00
Heinrich Friedrichs, Caub	RM 1200.00
Philipp Geisel, Lorchhausen	RM 35.00
Julius Gasteier, Weisel	RM 50.00
Albert Michel, Bornich	RM 200.00
August Michel, Lierschied	RM 200.00
Philipp Geisel, Lierschied	RM 80.00
Karl Kring, St. Gosrahausen	RM 70.00
August Grieff, St. Goarshausen, Forstbachst.	RM 300.00
Armin Sitz, St. Goarshausen	RM 60.00
August Reitershahn, Bornich	RM 80.00
Ernst Klein, Frankfurt-Nied	RM 60.00
Ernst Klein, Dahlheim	RM 25.00
Jacob Volk, Wellmich	RM 250.00
Heinrich Mueller, Wellmich	RM 250.00
Peter Siegel, Wellmich	RM 100.00
Heinrich Busch, Camp	RM 300.00
Philipp Binger, Patersberg	RM 30.00
Heinrich Ruppmann Witwe, Bogel	RM 120.00
Karl Lahnstein, St. Goarshausen	RM 250.00
Peter Muders, Biebernheim	RM 100.00
Peter Rissel, Hausbay	RM 330.00
Jakob Rissel, Rotzenhahn	RM 150.00
Peter Rau, Holsfeld	RM 80.00
Georg Broeder Witwe, Lykershausen	RM 70.00
Johann Reckart, Prath	RM 150.00
Johann Broeder, Oberkestert	RM 25.00
Lydia Forst, Weyer	RM 60.00
son-in-law of Roemer of Dahlheim, Gemmerich	RM 100.00
Jakob Hamm, Prath	RM 130.00
Wilhelm Schuck, Bornich	RM 50.00
Jakob Kapell, Prath	RM 250.00
Peter Fischbach I., Prath	RM 150.00
Albert Bodenbach, Prath	RM 200.00
Jakob Silbernagel II, Wwe., Prath	RM 50.00
Anton Broeder, Prath	RM 220.00
Philipp Hofmann, Wirt, Prath	RM 300.00
Jakob Hofmann II. Witwe, Prath	RM 100.00
Johann Klein Witwe, Prath	RM 25.00
Josef Engelmann, Prath	RM 35.00
Wilhelm Fischbach, Prath	RM 250.00
Jakob Schneider III., Prath	RM 280.00
Jakob Nengel, Oberlahnstein	RM 120.00
Josef Schuhmacher, Prath	RM 100.00
Peter Kapell, Prath	RM 150.00
Jakob Nermerich IV., Dahlheim	RM 350.00
Felix Nermerich, Dahlheim	RM 400.00
August Nengel, Dahlheim	RM 200.00
Josef Friesenhahn II., Dahlheim	RM 300.00
Josef Hamm II. Witwe, Dahlheim	RM 200.00
Johann Nick, Dahlheim	RM 150.00
Johann Jost Witwe, Dahlheim	RM 150.00
Peter Hamm, Dahlheim	RM 150.00
Edmund Engelmann, Dahlheim	RM 125.00
Wilhelm Schmidt, Dahlheim	RM 150.00
Philipp Litz, Prath	RM 150.00
August Monschauer Witwe, Dahlheim	RM 140.00
Jakob Rau, Dahlheim	RM 120.00

Willy Dommershausen, Bornich	RM	50.00
Heinrich Christmann, Bornich	RM	100.00
Heinrich Hilgert, Lierschied	RM	40.00
Christian Zoeller Witwe, Lierschied	RM	90.00
August Sommer, Bornich	RM	20.00
Anton Klein, Dahlheim	RM	80.00
Peter Struth III. Swe., Dahlheim	RM	150.00
Adolf Goldmann, Bogel	RM	400.00
Josef Hirsch, St. Goarshausen	RM	120.00
Jakob Friesenhahn VI., Dahlheim	RM	150.00
Johann Mengel, Dahlheim	RM	30.00
Heinrich Friedrich, Reitzenhain	RM	35.00
Ernst Stumpf, Oberwallmenach	RM	25.00
Hans Jung, Overwesel	RM	150.00
Karl Back, Lautert	RM	50.00
Georg Reitershahn, Harbachmuehle	RM	110.00
D. When I left St. Goarshausen with my family, I sold the store fixtures, Part of our furniture and household goods, among them 3 coal stoves, 1 hearth, 3 bedroom suites, 2 sofas, 1 safe, 1 sewing machine, 1 desk, 1 carriage, 6 chairs, 4 dressers, 4 cupboards, 2 clocks etc. All those things were sold far under actual value. The loss I estimate at about		
	RM	1500.00.
E. On November 10th, 1938, the day of the first large scale program, an SS man blackmailed me out of		
	RM	260.00.
F. All Jewish people had to surrender all their gold and silverware to the Reich authorities. I handed over objects, valued at about RM 900.00, for which I was paid about RM 15.00, which means a loss of		
	RM	885.00.
G. Another part of my gold and silverware and 3 photo cameras I stored secretly with Mrs. Ball of Weiskirchen, where part of it was destroyed. Loss		
	\$	400.00.
H. In summer 1939 I bought a ticket Hamburg-New-York from the Hamburg Amerikanische Paketfahrt A.G. (Hapag). I never could use it, nor did Hapag refund it. Loss		
	RM	185.00.
I. In October or November 1940 my wife bought airplane tickets tickets for herself and my boy from Hapag, which they were not able to use. Hapag refused to refund them, though they sold them to other passengers. Beside the price of the tickets Hapag charged my wife for putting up a file. Loss		
	RM	1000.00.
J. After November 1938 Jews were forced to pay a special tax on their property. I had to pay about		
	RM	4000.00.
K. We paid to the "Zollfahndungestelle" for the sending of 2 big trunks of woman's and boy's clothing and furnishings, beddings, linnens etc. to Holland		
	RM	3000.00.
L. One of these trunks was taken away on its route to Holland. Value		
	\$	1000.00.
M. The other trunk was taken away, while stored at the home of Mr. Josef Bamberger, Schroeder van Kalkstr. 15, Utrecht, Holland, at the time of his departation. Value		
	\$	1000.00.
N. I paid @ithe Golddiskontbank		
a) for permission to send goods to Amsterdam	RM	1000.00,
b) for permission granted to my wife to take with her		

- 2 trunks and 2 suitcases with goods RM 1900.00.
- O. Before leaving Frankfurt, we sold another part of our furniture and household goods, among them a set of livingroom furniture, a studio couch, 1 diningroom table, 1 Gas stove, 1 washing machine, 1 Bicycle, 1 hall set, 1 bureau, everything far below value. Loss \$ 800.00.
- P. Two trunks, stored at Neumann & Vettin, Spruistraat 219-221, Amsterdam-C., Holland, were taken away by the German occupation authorities. They contained, among other things, 7 or 8 men's suits, 1 top-, 1 over- and 1 raincoat, dozens of shirts, men's underwear, pyjamas, sheets, pillow cases, 1 comforter, 10 or 12 pair of men's shoes etc., etc. Value \$ 1000.00.
- Q. I paid fees to Neumann & Vettin (see under P) hfl 77.50.
- R. Before leaving Frankfurt we stored a lot of furniture and household goods at the house of Mr. Johann Abt of Weiskirchen, among them 2 bedroom suites, 1 dining room suite, 6 living room chairs, 3 easy chairs, 1 sewing machine, 2 floor lamps, 6 kitchen chairs, 1 large kitchen cupboard, lots of pots, pans, chinaware and glassware etc., all of which were taken away by the Nazi officials. Value \$ 2300.00.
- S. I paid rent for them for 3 years RM 360.00.
- T. When leaving Frankfurt for good, we had to abandon another part of our belongings, among them a typewriter, 2 oriental rugs (9 x 12), a fan, a vacuum cleaner, a collection of several hundred of good books, bedding, houseware etc. Value \$ 800.00.
- U. 2 trunks, stored at the warehouse of Schenker & Co., Ritterstr. 98-99, Berlin, and containing valuable clothing, bedding, lingerie, boy's furnishings etc. were taken away. Value \$ 500.00.
- V. Fee paid to them (Schenker) RM 31.00.
- W. We left in currency RM 600.00.
- X. In order to escape a second imprisonment in a concentration camp I could not wait for my immigration visa to the U.S.A. in Germany. I had to go to England for 6 months, where I was not allowed to earn my own living, but had to live on a fund set up in my behalf by relatives, which I had to repay after my arrival in the U.S.A. Amount £ 200.0.0.
- Y. While attempting to get my wife and my boy out of Germany to this country, I had to buy 3 sets of tickets and cancel the purchases under losses as follows:
- a) tickets Kobe (Japan) - San Francisco (Cal.)
from American President Line \$ 468.00
refund \$ 438.00 \$ 30.00.
- b) tickets Lisbon (Portugal) - New York (N.Y.)
from Greek Line \$ 275.50
refund \$ 252.37 \$ 23.13.
- c) tickets Yokohama (Japan) - Seattle (Wash.)
from NYK Line \$ 310.50
refund \$ 230.00 \$ 80.50.

Z. I could not send my boy to school at St. Goarshausen, but had to have a Jewish teacher give him private lessons for one year, the cost of which was RM 300.00.

Beside all those before mentioned losses, I had the following ones:

- I. By the actions of the Nazi regime I was deprived of the possibility to continue running my store, in which I earned an annual income of about RM 5000.00.
- II. During the three months I was imprisoned in the concentration camp of Dachau I caught an athmatical bronchitis, which I never will get rid of any more. Every year I suffer heavily from it. The damage to my health is at least \$ 5000.00.