

# SHAEF STAFF MESSAGE CONTROL INCOMING MESSAGE

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FROM : AGWAR FROM GENERAL MARSHALL  
TO : SHAEF FORWARD FOR GENERAL EISENHOWER FOR HIS EYES ONLY  
REF NO : W-65929, 10 April 1945

For your information the following memorandum has been received from the State Department and has the approval of the Treasury Department:

"It has come to the Department's attention that American Armed Forces have captured in GERMANY a quantity of gold, foreign currencies and art treasures. Pending final decision as to the ultimate disposition of the foregoing, which will require careful study and probable consultation with our Allies, the State Department hopes that this treasure may be moved to a place of safekeeping in the proposed American Zone of Occupation in GERMANY for the time being and carefully guarded. The Department feels that this temporary solution will be less likely to cause unfortunate political complications".

Please keep me advised on this subject.

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1. SUPREME COMMANDER
2. CHIEF OF STAFF
3. ~~Gen. McSherry (Personal Action)~~ *WITHDRAWN*
4. Mr. Murphy - (Personal)
5. G-4 (action) Personal Gen Crawford

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DOD Dir. 5200.9, Sept. 27, 1958  
NWD by \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

*In answering we should say that we are in heavy moral support but that there should be kept very secret! No use telling enemy anything.*

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