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GOLD AND ART TREASURES UNCOVERED SOUTH OF GOTHA NEAR MEIERS GERMANY WERE PROMPTLY INSPECTED BY COLONEL BERNSTEIN FORMERLY US TREASURY WITH TWO OTHER OFFICERS OF MY STAFF AND ARRANGEMENTS COMMENCED FOR ITS REMOVAL (TO AGWAR FOR GENERAL MARSHALL FOR HIS EYES ONLY FROM SHAFF FORWARD SIGNED EISENHOWER ~~CITE SOURCE~~). MAJOR PERERRA A FINANCE OFFICER THIRD ARMY WHO HAS ACTUALLY INSPECTED THE BOXES ESTIMATES THAT GOLD BULLION AMOUNTS TO BETWEEN 225 AND 250 TONS AND OBJECTS OF FINE ARTS SOME 2000 BOXES. TREASURE IS BEING MOVED TO BANK VAULTS IN FRANKFURT WHERE IT WILL BE INVENTORIED AND HELD UNDER MY CONTROL AND CAREFULLY GUARDED. REFERENCE YOUR W-65929 10 APRIL. PARTY CONSISTING OF COLONEL MOORE CHIEF GERMANY CURRENCY SECTION G-5 COLONEL CLAIBORNE COLONEL CRAGON AND OTHER OFFICERS ALL OF CURRENCY SECTION G-5 THIS HEADQUARTERS TOGETHER WITH MR. ST. GERMAIN OFFICIAL OF GUARANTY TRUST COMPANY WHO IS AN EXPERT ON IDENTIFICATION OF GOLD BULLION PROCEEDED TO FRANKFURT THIS MORNING TO ASSIST BERNSTEIN IN INVENTORY AND CUSTODIAL WORK. TREASURE FOUND IN AN OLD SALT MINE REPORTED APPROXIMATELY 2000 FEET DEEP. FURTHER DETAILS WILL FOLLOW AS RECEIVED. MAY I SUGGEST THAT INFORMATION CONCERNING LOCATION OF THIS TREASURE BE KEPT VERY SECRET

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