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Attn: The Chief, Kommissar Dr. Piazza  
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about the deposit of pictures and other art objects of Italian origin.

In the summer of 1944 I was informed that pictures, gobelins and other objects of art were stored in the cellars of the Duke palace "Duca d'Aosta", which objects were supposed to stem from the museums and galleries in Florence and the Monastery of Montecassino. The transfer of these art objects to Bolzano was made on orders of SS-Obergruppenfuhrer and General of Waffen-SS KARL WOLFF, and these objects were deposited at the palace for the disposal of Reichsfuhrer-SS HEINRICH HIMMLER.

Before being wrapped up, these pictures and art objects had to be photographed and SS-Sturmabfuhrer RUDOLF THYROLF and SS- Sturmabfuhrer HEINZ ANDERGASSEN were detailed to this assignment by the commander of Sicherheitspolizei and SD in BOLZANO. For that purpose ANDERGASSEN borrowed a camera from the Erkennungsdienst, which was under my department. This fact of the loan of a camera came to my knowledge through the Brigadier (Corporal) CACOZZA, who was employed there, and I called ANDERGASSEN, who informed me about the above strictly secret facts.

Brigadier CACOZZA will remember that he reported to me one morning that SS-Untersturmfuhrer ANDERGASSEN took a camera. Upon my request the camera was returned to the photo laboratory.

I don't know what happened to the art objects at the Palace "Duca d'Aosta" afterwards. But the administrator of that building Hauptwachtmeister of Schutzpolizei (maresciallo) HAASE, who was responsible for the maintenance of the house and who is still in Bolzano with his wife and his child, must be able to give information about it.

HAASE occupied an official apartment either at the main building or at an annex

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to the palace. I don't know whether he still lives there.

/t/ Artur Schoster  
(Kriminalkommissar)

The foregoing translation was prepared by me and is a true and correct translation from the German to English

Dated August 9, 1945

Signed EDMUND F. LINDNER

I certify that the above named acted in his official capacity as a translator for the War Crimes Investigation Section, 2677th Regiment, Office of Strategic Services (Provisional).

Signed James A. Barnes, USNR

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