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To  
CO of Offenbach Archival Depot, Cpt.I. B e n k o w i t z  
O f f e n b a c h /Main

Mainstr.169.

Subject: Private property in the Library of the Deutsches Historisches  
~~In~~stitut in Rom,

Sir,

As I learned from the report given by Dr.G.O p i t z about his trip to Offenbach, you are inclined according to our application to restore the private property among the library of the Deutsches Historisches Institut in Rom to its owners. Allow me to deliver my deepest thanks both for this kindness and for the active help you favored Dr.Opitz with in picking up this private property. Also in the name of the collaborators of our institute I thank you for the promise to back up our request at your superior authority.

From the list Dr.Opitz left you, you can identify the material concerned. I should like to use the opportunity of this letter to lay once more stress on the fact that the said scientific materials as well as the books are purely private property of the collaborators of the institute, that the researches that gave origin to them, were freely chosen by these collaborators and that the institute was only to give them the means of pursuing their work by providing the money and the library. Moreover I should like to state that the institute existing since 1886 had no connection whatever with the NSDAP and performed its task in full independence of it. For all further information about the institute and its work I or Dr.Opitz will always stand at your disposal.

With our deepest thanks

respectfully

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