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World Jewish Congress
Mr. Israel Singer
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Cc. Prime minister W. Kok
Cc. Centraal Joods Overleg The Hague
Cc. Presidential Commission Washington

Dear Mr. Singer,

Today, news was received of the World Jewish Congress and the Hevesi committee demanding the payment of 500 million DFL for the confiscated and taken financial assets of the Dutch holocaust victims during the Second World War within 30 days, from the Dutch Government. Sanctions and pressure might follow on the Dutch Financial World, the Stock exchange and the Dutch banking world.

We, the heirs of Gutmann, Goudstikker and Koenigs taking the lead for many others, have in recent years tried to raise the issue of the restitution of Art after the Second World War with the Dutch Government Officials but have received the coldest of responses. Restitution according to the International Agreements signed by the Dutch officials should have followed after the art was taken into custody, in 1946, 1947 and so on.

The government officials have been rigid and hardened throughout. They have used technicalities and evasion to avoid considering the appropriateness of corrective action. They totally reject and ignore the context and circumstances of 1939 and the period before and during the German invasion and hide under the pretext that all was normal and what

happened to Gutmann, Goudstikker and Koenigs was perfectly legal and the Dutch Museums should not be disturbed in regard to the extraordinary art holdings stripped from Gutmann, Goudstikker, Koenigs and many other collections, decorating the walls of the Dutch Museums.

We ask for your intervention in this situation and to help us in correcting this great injustice as you are trying to do with the financial assets. Please include the arts and cultural values in the sanctions you are making,

Yours Sincerely,

Nick Goodman Gutmann the Gutmann Collection

Marei von Saher the Goudstikker Collection

Christine Koenigs the Koenigs Collection

I ask for your intervention in this situation and to consider the possibility to involve the robbing and confiscation of the cultural values by the Nazis during the Second World War and the inadequate restitution of the returned and official received art under all international agreements by the Dutch Officials in your demand of justice for the Holocaust Victims.