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RESPECT OF A TAPESTRY FRAGMENT IN THE  
POSSESSION OF GLASGOW CITY COUNCIL AS PART OF  
THE BURRELL COLLECTION**

*The Honourable Sir Donnell Deeny*

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# REPORT OF THE SPOILIATION ADVISORY PANEL IN RESPECT OF A TAPESTRY FRAGMENT IN THE POSSESSION OF GLASGOW CITY COUNCIL AS PART OF THE BURRELL COLLECTION

## INTRODUCTION

1. On 21 September 2011 lawyers acting for the Estate of the late Emma Ranette Budge (the Estate) commenced one of a series of claims on behalf of the Estate for works of art currently in the possession of museums and galleries established for the public benefit in the United Kingdom. A number of issues arising from these claims are common to all of them.
2. The claim has been brought by Rosbach, Fremy, Felsberg, Rechtsanwaelte (lawyers) of Berlin and Mel Urbach, attorney of New York on behalf of Michael Rosenblat. Mr Rosenblat was, by Order of the Amtsgericht Hamburg of 28 December 2007, appointed Executor of the Estate of Emma Ranette Budge, née Lazarus. The Order records that she was born on 17 February 1852 in Hamburg and died there on 14 February 1937. A Certificate of the Court of 23 September 2008 lists the original heirs to the Estate. Copies of these documents and a Notarised Acknowledgment from Michael Rosenblat are to be found in Appendix 1.
3. The subject of this claim is a tapestry fragment (the Tapestry) representing *The Visitation*. It depicts the pregnant Virgin Mary and Saint Elizabeth, the future mother of Saint John the Baptist. The Tapestry was made in Switzerland early in the sixteenth century. It is a fragment, cut from a larger tapestry and fashioned into the shape of an ecclesiastical cope hood.
4. The Tapestry was bought by Sir William Burrell in 1938. Sir William and Lady (Constance) Burrell (the Transferors) later transferred it, along with some 8,000 to 9,000 other cultural objects which Sir William had collected, to the Corporation of the City of Glasgow. The transfer of the entire collection took place over a period beginning in 1944 and ending on the death of the survivor of the Transferors (which occurred in 1958). The respondent, Glasgow City Council (the City) is the successor to the Corporation. The Tapestry is registered as item number 46.45 in the Burrell Collection.
5. The transfer from Sir William and Lady Burrell was supported by a Memorandum of Agreement. This instrument, while authorising the loan of items from the Collection to public galleries within Great Britain, forbade “the donees ... on any pretext whatever to sell or donate or exchange any item or part of the Collection once it has formed part of the Collection.” In response to an earlier claim before the Panel (*Report concerning a Claim in respect of a Picture now in the Possession of Glasgow City Council*, 24<sup>th</sup> November 2004) the City was advised by its counsel that this prohibition prevented the City from divesting itself of the contested work, even in order to give effect to a recommendation from the Panel that sought to redress the antisemitic

persecution of the former owners in Germany. The Panel understands that the City Council adheres to that interpretation.

### **THE PANEL'S TASK**

6. The task of the Spoliation Advisory Panel (the Panel) is to consider claims from anyone, or their heirs, who lost possession of a cultural object during the Nazi era (1933 –1945) where such an object is now in the possession of a UK museum or gallery established for the public benefit; and to advise the claimant, the institution and, where it considers it appropriate, the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport on what action should be taken in relation to the claim (see the Panel's Constitution and Terms of Reference, Appendix 2). The Panel's paramount purpose is to achieve a solution which is fair and just to both parties.
7. In making this Report the Panel has considered the submissions and the evidence submitted on behalf of the Claimant and the City in order to establish whether the Estate of Mrs Budge was deprived of the item as a result of spoliation and if so, and assuming the Estate does not have legal title to the same, to assess the moral strength of the Claimant's case and whether any moral obligation rests on the institution. In reaching any conclusion of fact the Panel will do so on the balance of probability, recognising the difficulties of proof in all the circumstances including the lapse of time since the Claimant lost possession of the object.

### **THE CLAIMANT'S CASE AND THE PANEL'S VIEWS THEREON**

8. Emma Budge was born in Hamburg but she and her husband Henry resided in the United States for many years in the late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries. Henry Budge there accumulated great wealth, through (among other activities) his involvement in banking and the expansion of the railways. He returned to Germany and bought and rebuilt a villa on the Alster Lake in the middle of Hamburg. It was known as the Budge Palais. He and his wife were art collectors. They had no children. Henry Budge died on 28 October 1928 at the age of 88.
9. Emma Budge had obtained American citizenship while resident in the United States of America. However, it does not appear that probate of her Estate has been taken out by any person in the United States; see, for example, the Order of Edward R. Korman, U.S. District Judge of February 28 2012. On the other hand there is an Order of what appears to be the appropriate German Court. Mrs Budge was resident in Germany at the time of her death where her Will and the Codicils to her Will were made in her lifetime. Her property, including, on the contention of the Claimant, the work of art in question, was in Germany at the time of the dispositions and at the time of her death. The Panel concludes therefore that the executor duly appointed by the German Court is entitled to represent the Estate. The number of original heirs, fifteen, would render it impracticable, in all likelihood, for a particular heir now to receive a particular work of art. However, the duty of distributing the Estate,

by way of realising its assets as appropriate, and distributing the same to the present day heirs, presumably under the supervision of the German Court and in accordance with German law, falls to Mr Rosenblat.

## **WILLS AND CODICILS OF EMMA BUDGE**

10. Initially Mrs Budge was not significantly affected by the coming to power of the Nazis in 1933 despite her being Jewish. It is believed that this was due in part to her American citizenship. Indeed, she felt able to refuse an offer of 800,000 Reichsmarks from the National Socialist Party in Hamburg to purchase the Budge Palais saying she would not sell it even for 3 million marks. However, she made a Will on 5 October 1933, revoking earlier wills and stipulations, which reflected “the economic and political situation within Germany which make it illogical for me to continue to uphold a stipulation I made in favour of the city of Hamburg” (clause 1). All or most of the relatives of the Budes were Jewish. The executors were to be professing Jews. In clause 6 of that Will she bequeathed her art collections and art objects in her house at Harvestehuder Weg 12 (Budge Palais) to the executors and instructed them “to distribute these collections and objects among suitable museums or similar institutions in Germany or the United States of America or other countries...” In the same clause she made an express bequest of textiles to the Metropolitan Museum in New York.

11. However, in a Codicil of 11 June 1934 at part B Mrs Budge revoked that section of her Will of 5 October 1933 and replaced it with the following:-

“With regard to the recipients of some or all of the art objects, I intend to give more detailed instructions in due course. If these instructions are not forthcoming, the executors shall be entitled, at their own discretion and in consultation with Mr Albert Rothbart, New York, to donate individual items to museums or similar institutions, for instance to the Metropolitan Museum in New York, on condition that these institutions are willing to put the said items on display.”

The executors are then given a discretion to sell the remaining art at auctions at their own discretion with the proceeds from the sale of those and of any household articles to “be added to the Estate, which is to be disposed of in accordance with sections IV, VII, VIII and IX of the Will”.

12. Mrs Budge made a further Codicil on 21 November 1935. Paragraph E of it is of key importance here and reads as follows:-

“I will be giving more detailed instructions in due course on what is to happen with the contents of my house and my art and other valuables. If these instructions are not forthcoming, the executors shall take decisions based on previous stipulations. When it comes to realising the value of my collections, I advise them to consult not only Rosenbaum, now with offices only in Amsterdam, regarding the porcelain but also Mr Börner in Leipzig, especially

regarding the paintings and engravings. The sale of all these objects within the borders of the German Reich is unlikely to be advisable.”

13. One should read both Codicils and the Will together. In the event the executors did not distribute any works of art to the institutions in Germany or the United States or other countries or certainly not to any significant extent. The sections of the Will referred to in the Codicil of 11 June 1934 can be summarised as follows.

Section IV deals with debts owed by the Estate and the cost of administration.

Section VII deals with specific bequests which are to be made to a series of employees and others of sums of money “from the residue”.

Section VIII distributes percentages of the remaining residue to a series of individuals, largely the nephews and nieces of Mrs Budge and of her late husband. There is an express provision at VIII (12) for the offspring of these persons to “receive in equal shares per stirpes, but not per capita, that sum that the deceased person in the above list would have received had he or she survived me”.

Section IX of the Will provides that only when those other bequests have been dealt with should gifts be made to charitable organisations or institutions in New York City and to the Emma and Henry Budge Foundations in three German cities.

14. The Panel therefore concludes that if works of art are to be transferred from collections in the United Kingdom it is likely, subject to what is said below, that the number of heirs would require the works to be sold. In that event the proceeds of sale would form part of the residue of the Estate. The proceeds would then go to the descendants of persons expressly named as beneficiaries by the late Emma Budge who are either entirely or very largely the collateral descendants of herself and her late husband, subject to the Executor’s discretion “to donate individual items to museums or similar institutions ....on condition that these institutions are willing to put the said items on display.”

## **THE 1937 SALES**

15. Following the death of Emma Budge on 14 February 1937 the heirs were either already abroad or preparing to leave Germany in the face of persecution.
16. Given the insuperable problems of transferring property belonging to Jews out of Nazi Germany in 1937 the executors sent the collection in five furniture vans to Berlin for auction. This was conducted by the Aryanised Jewish auction house of Paul Graupe on 4 - 6 October and 6 - 7 December 1937. Despite the absence of reserve prices, a million Reichsmarks were netted in the sales. But this sum was paid into a blocked account in M.M. Warburg, a formerly Jewish bank by then controlled by Nazi supporters. The heirs had no access to it.
17. The Jewish executors were pushed aside in favour of Emma Budge's former tax adviser, Gottfried Francke, who was not Jewish and was acceptable to the regime. Given that Emma Budge had advised against selling in Germany and given the imposition of Mr Francke as a non-Jewish executor the Panel concludes that this can be regarded as a forced sale.
18. The prices of some of the items sold were below market value. While in the first year or so of the Nazi regime fair market prices may have been achievable this is much less likely to have been true by the time of this sale. The sale as a whole is likely to have been at a value lower than that likely to have been obtained in an open and untainted market, although in the particular case of the Tapestry we do not know whether the price achieved (2,500 Reichsmarks) would have been higher in the absence of the abnormal conditions afflicting the Budge Estate. Since the proceeds of the Graupe sale were in any event misappropriated and never reached the heirs, the Panel does not consider it necessary to go into this particular issue in any further detail.
19. As stated above the proceeds of the sale were paid into an account in a Nazi controlled former Jewish bank, M.M. Warburg. There is no evidence that the executor effectively in control attempted to pay, let alone succeeded in paying, any of the proceeds to the heirs. By then, as Jews, they were subject to expropriatory taxes. The Panel concludes that none of the proceeds of the sale went to the heirs of Mrs Budge.
20. In assessing the strength of the Claimant's moral claim it is right to consider whether the heirs have otherwise been compensated for the loss of the cultural objects. The Secretary to the Panel has communicated with the German authorities as to whether compensation was paid following the conclusion of the Second World War under either the Federal Compensation Act or under the Federal Restitution Act. The Panel enquired from the Claimant about compensation from the City of Hamburg and received, in confidence, a copy of the Agreement of 21 April 2011 between the City and Michael Rosenblat. Having considered the responses the Panel has



concluded that the Estate has not been otherwise compensated for these works of art.

21. An additional factor which has to be taken into account here is that Emma Budge had substantial sums of money in a Swiss bank account at the time of her death. One possibility the Panel has to consider is that the proceeds of the auction sale in Hamburg went into that account but there is no evidence in favour of such conclusion and the evidence that does exist would point firmly against the likelihood of that having happened.
22. On the contrary, it is believed that the Nazi authorities learnt of the Swiss bank account. They arrested two of the heirs who were still in Germany and imprisoned them in Buchenwald concentration camp to force the other heirs to transfer to the German authorities what is believed to be two-thirds of the value of the money in the Swiss bank account in order to obtain the release of the co-heirs.
23. The Panel has seen Orders of the US District Court in New York dealing with a claim brought by the heirs of one of Mrs Budge's heirs, Professor Siegfried Budge. In response to a direct question from the Panel Mr Urbach has disclosed that the heirs of Siegfried received an award in seven figures representing their 11% percentage share of the value of the account; the other heirs missed the deadline and were not eligible to join the claim. However, consistent with the view the Panel has formed that the Claimant is the executor of the Estate, the fact that some of the heirs have made a recovery in respect of part of an unrelated asset of the Estate does not appear to us to be a reason to defeat this claim.

## **HISTORY OF THE OBJECT**

24. It is not necessary in this case to juxtapose the cases advanced by the Claimant and the Respondent. The City has indicated that, subject to any ineluctable legal constraints on its liberty of action, it will follow the recommendation of the Panel. The City, while lacking detailed information on the circumstances of the previous sales, does not contest the facts asserted by Mr Lothar Fremy on behalf of the Budge Estate.
25. A tapestry depicting the Virgin Mary and St Elizabeth, cut in the same shape as the Tapestry, was listed as Lot No 442 in the Graupe auction of the Budge effects in 1937. From its description in the catalogue and the photograph reproduced in a work of reference on tapestries, *Wandteppiche* by Heinrich Goebel (published 1933), the Panel concludes that the tapestry consigned to the 1937 auction and the tapestry claimed by the Estate are one and the same. The City supports this conclusion.
26. The Tapestry sold, as noted, for 2,500 Reichsmarks. The buyer is recorded to be "Rosenbaum", who is listed as a buyer of a number of items in the sale and who may or may not have been the person named in the Will as J Rosenbaum of Amsterdam. At some stage in 1937 it came, by means of an



unidentified transaction, into the possession of John Hunt, from whom Sir William Burrell bought it on 8 August 1937. The Panel has not been told the place of this transaction, the location of the Tapestry at the time of this transaction, or the effect of this transaction under the relevant governing law. The Panel noted that John Hunt has been the subject of allegations concerning the acquisition of Holocaust-related cultural objects. The Panel is not however persuaded that those allegations, even if capable of substantiation, cast any material reflection on the conduct of the City.

27. So far as concerns the circumstances of the transfer to the Corporation from 1944, we understand from evidence given to the Panel for the Report of the Spoliation Advisory Panel in Respect of a Painting now in the Possession of Glasgow City Council (2004, HC 10) that the Corporation of Glasgow undertook no research into the ownership history of works in the Burrell donation at the time of the transfer, beyond taking cognisance of material supplied by Sir William himself, which was itself incomplete. In our Report on that claim (Paragraph 23) we cite the City's statement that "when they took over the Collection there was only one keeper for all the works and he never had a chance to ascertain any further information about the paintings." The same disability would ordinarily, of course, have prevented examination of the provenance of chattels other than paintings, such as the Tapestry.
28. There is, however, a further piece of information specific to the Tapestry. An unpublished catalogue entry, written about the Tapestry in the late 1940s, attributed it to "*a private collection at Frankfurt-on-the-Main in the Budge Collection, Hamburg*". The Panel has been told that this attribution was probably the work of the eminent Austrian tapestry scholar Betty Kurth between 1946 and her death in 1948, although it might be the work of another member of staff, perhaps after seeing *Wandteppiche* by Goebel. A reasonable observer, considering this matter on a balance of probabilities, might have fairly interpreted this attribution as indicating that the Tapestry could have been taken from a Jewish or other victim of Nazi persecution.
29. In recent years the City has taken a more active approach. The Tapestry was published on the NMDC Spoliation website in July 2004. Glasgow Museums contacted the Hunt Archive in 2006 but failed to glean any documentation casting further light on the history of the Tapestry in the months between the 1937 auction and the 1938 acquisition by Burrell from Hunt. The 1938 entries in the Burrell Purchase Book remain the only known documentary evidence for the Hunt transaction. Further research by the Hunt Museum in 2009 did however reveal Rosenbaum as the original purchaser in 1937.

## **LEGAL TITLE**

30. The Panel's Terms of Reference require it to consider both the original title of the Claimant to the object and the current title of the Respondent institution but not to determine legal rights; see paragraphs 8 and 15(a),(d) and (f).
31. The Panel has not had the benefit of detailed argument on the point of enduring title. The Panel accepts that the Claimants had legal ownership of the Tapestry before its consignment to the 1937 sale. However, the Panel has concluded, on the balance of probability, that the 1937 sale, despite the conditions in which it was concluded, conferred a good title on the acquirer, which title thereafter passed (through intermediate acquirers) to the City. In the alternative, even if the 1937 sale was not competent to pass title to the acquirer, the purchase of the Tapestry by Sir William Burrell in 1938 would have triggered the general limitation period of 20 years introduced by section 17 of the Conveyancing (Scotland) Act 1924, reducing the relevant 40 year period of the Prescription Act 1617 (c. 12). This would mean that the tapestry could not be recovered in proceedings before a Scottish court. The City has good legal title.

## **THE PANEL'S CONCLUSIONS**

32. As recorded above, the sales of 1937 deprived the Estate of Emma Budge of its works of art, including this Tapestry, without receiving fair or any value then or since, as a result of antisemitic intervention in the administration of the Estate at the time of the sales. By reason of those facts the Claimant has a strong moral claim to the restitution of the object.
33. But for the restraint on disposal imposed by the Memorandum of Agreement, the moral strength of the claim and the moral obligation on the City would have persuaded the Panel that the appropriate redress was the restitution of the Tapestry to the Claimant. Having regard, however, to the inhibiting terms of the Memorandum of Agreement and taking account of the fact that the Holocaust (Return of Cultural Objects) Act 2009 does not apply to this respondent, the Panel recommends, should the City's advice on relinquishment remain unchanged, that:
  - (i) the City make an *ex gratia* payment to the Estate of a sum reflecting the current market value of the Tapestry but allowing for the notional costs of sale were the Tapestry to be released on the market,
  - (ii) the amount of that payment be agreed by negotiation between the Estate and the City or, in the absence of such agreement, fixed by a third party valuer appointed by them jointly, or appointed by the Panel if the claimant and the City cannot agree on either the valuation or appointment,

- (iii) in consideration of such payment the Estate releases and relinquishes any surviving title or claim to the Tapestry as might otherwise remain extant;
- (iv) whenever and wherever the Tapestry is exhibited, a notice be affixed at some place close to it, recording the circumstances in which the Estate was deprived of it and the terms on which this Claim was resolved, and the terms of that notice be agreed by the parties.

26 November 2014

The Honourable Sir Donnell Deeny – Chairman  
Professor Sir Richard J Evans – Deputy Chairman  
Sir Terry Heiser  
Professor Peter Jones  
Martin Levy  
Peter Oppenheimer  
Professor Norman Palmer  
Anna Southall  
Professor Liba Taub  
Baroness Warnock

**Appendix 1:** Order of the Amtsgericht Hamburg of 28 December 2007, Court Certificate of 23 September 2008 and Notarised Acknowledgment from Michael Rosenblat.

**Appendix 2:** Constitution and Terms of Reference

Certificate for the execution of Emma R. Budge's will



### Amtsgericht Hamburg

Geschäfts - Nr.: 74 VI 556/37

Hamburg, 28. Dezember 2007

### Testamentsvollstreckerzeugnis

Herr Michael Rosenblat, geb. am 3. August 1954 in Düsseldorf,

ist zum Testamentsvollstrecker über den Nachlass der

am 14. Februar 1937 in Hamburg  
verstorbenen, zuletzt in Hamburg  
wohnhaft gewesenen

Emma Ranette Budge, geb. Lazarus,

geboren am 17. Februar 1852 in Hamburg,

ernannt worden.

Die Erblasserin hat angeordnet, dass der Testamentsvollstrecker, soweit zulässig, von allen gesetzlichen Beschränkungen befreit sein soll.

Willamowius  
Richterin

Vorsteherin - 1 - Ausfertigung  
wird dem Testamentsvollstrecker zugeh.  
Hamburg, den 07.01.2008.  
Junge, Justizsekretär  
als Urkundsbeamt der Geschäftsstelle



The German inheritance certificate regarding the estate of Emma R. Budge, nee Lazarus was issued on September 23, 2008:

German inheritance certificate for the estate  
of Emma Budge



## Amtsgericht Hamburg

Geschäfts - Nr.: 74 VI 556/37

Hamburg, 23. September 2008

### Gemeinschaftlicher Erbschein

Die am 14. Februar 1932 in Hamburg geborene,  
zuletzt in Hamburg wohnhaft gewesene

Emma Ranette Budge  
geb. Lazarus

ist am 14. Februar 1937 in Hamburg verstorben  
und beerbt worden von

1. den Kindern von Alfred Lascar und Maria Lascar
  - a) Gretha Marie Louise Lascar,  
geb. am 17. August 1900 in Hamburg,  
nachverstorben am 11. Juli 1980 in Hamburg
  - b) Edgar Walter Lascar,  
geb. am 17. September 1895 in Hamburg,  
nachverstorben am 22. Februar 1963
  - c) Gertrud Margareth Lascar,  
geb. am 23. April 1894 in Hamburg

zu je 2/94

2. Ludwig Bernstein,  
geb. 1878 in Hamburg,  
verstorben am 3. Juli 1942 in Taunton, GB

zu 11/94

3. Herbert Julius Kronheimer,  
geb. 5. Juni 1910 in Hamburg,  
verstorben am 11. Juli 1984 in Delemont, Schweiz

zu 11/94

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| Robert Rothbart,<br>geb. 8. Dezember 1874 in Frankfurt/Main,<br>verstorben am 21. Oktober 1965 in New York, USA                   | zu 12/94 |
| 5. Dr. Siegfried Budge,<br>geb. am 18. Juni 1869 in Frankfurt/Main,<br>verstorben am 1. September 1941 in Hamburg                 | zu 11/94 |
| 6. Rudolf Hermann Ganz,<br>geb. am 9. April 1901 in Frankfurt/Main,<br>verstorben am 7. Januar 1965 in Chicago, USA               | zu 8/94  |
| 7. Frieda Felsenberger, geb. Rothbart,<br>geb. am 3. Oktober 1870 in Frankfurt/Main,<br>verstorben am 8. Mai 1968 in Detroit, USA | zu 7/94  |
| 8. Marie Adler, geb. Felsenberger,<br>geb. am 1. Juli 1895,<br>verstorben am 8. September 1990 in New York                        | zu 2/94  |
| 9. Jenny Reichenbach, geb. Rothbart,<br>geb. am 29. Januar 1868 in Frankfurt/Main,<br>verstorben am 12. Dezember 1945 in London   | zu 7/94  |
| 10. Martha Ganz, geb. Ganz,<br>geb. am 27. August 1866 in Mainz,<br>verstorben am 24. Juni 1942                                   | zu 6/94  |
| 11. Henry und Emma Budge-Stiftung Hamburg<br>Uhlenhorster 7-11, 22085 Hamburg   | zu 5/94  |
| 12. Emma Budge-Stiftung Hamburg<br>Uhlenhorster Weg 7-11, 22085 Hamburg   | zu 5/94  |
| 13. Henry und Emma Budge-Stiftung Frankfurt/Main<br>Wilhelmshöher Straße 279, 60389 Frankfurt/Main                                | zu 5/94  |

Testamentsvollstreckung ist angeordnet.

Bremer  
Richter am Amtsgericht

Vorstande, Ausfertigung  
wird den Erben erteilt  
Hamburg, den 26.09.2008  
Jung, Justizhauptsekretär  
als Amtsgewalt der Geschäftsstelle



**Amtsgericht Hamburg**

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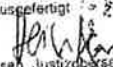
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**Emma Ranette Budge, geb. Lazarus**

beschließt das Amtsgericht Hamburg, Abl. 72-76,  
durch den Richter am Amtsgericht Bremer:

Der Erbschein des Gerichts vom 23. September 2008 wird hinsichtlich des Geburtsdatums  
der Erblasserin dahin berichtigt, dass diese am 17. Februar 1852 geboren ist.

Bremer  
Richter am Amtsgericht

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als Urundsbeamtin der Geschäftsstelle





### Acknowledgement

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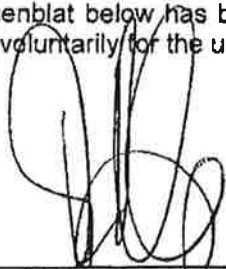
I, Dr. Gerd H. Langhein,  
Notary Public

in and for the Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg, Germany


duly appointed, commissioned and sworn as notary for said City and said state do hereby certify that today

1. There appeared before me in person Michael Rosenblat, known to me, proving furthermore his identity by identity-card, a certified copy of which is attached hereto as ANNEX 1.
2. He produced to me the order of the Amtsgericht Hamburg of 28 December 2007, a copy of which is attached hereto as ANNEX 2. Furthermore I certify that according to this order he is the sole administrator of the estate of the deceased Emma Ranette Budge born Lazarus, named in ANNEX 2 and as such entitled to represent the estate.
3. That he has authorised the attorneys at law Lothar Fremy, Jörg Rosbach and Mel Urbach to represent him in all matters relating to the afford mentioned estate, according to the power of attorney, attached hereto as ANNEX 3.
4. That Mr. Rosenblat solemnly declared that in the event of him receiving from the Département for Culture Media & Sport either art objects or monetary payment in respect of any of the claims that he will distribute it in accordance of the wills and codicils of the late Emma Bude, as required by German law and subject supervision, where appropriate of the Amtsgericht Hamburg.
5. That the signature of Mr. Rosenblat below has been signed in my presence and the he executed the same freely and voluntarily for the uses, purposes and considerations herein expressed.

Signature:

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(Michael Rosenblat)

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal at my office in the City of Hamburg, the day and year in this certificate first above written.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(Dr. Gerd H. Langhein, Notary Public)

- my commission expires with life.



## SPOLIATION ADVISORY PANEL CONSTITUTION AND TERMS OF REFERENCE<sup>1</sup>

### Designation of the Panel

1. The Secretary of State has established a group of expert advisers, to be convened as a Panel from time to time, to consider claims from anyone (or from any one or more of their heirs), who lost possession of a cultural object ("the object") during the Nazi era (1933 -1945), where such an object is now in the possession of a UK national collection or in the possession of another UK museum or gallery established for the public benefit ("the institution").
2. The Secretary of State has designated the expert advisers referred to above, to be known as the Spoliation Advisory Panel ("the Panel"), to consider the claim                      received                      from                      .....on ..... for                      ..... in the collection of .....("the claim").
3. The Secretary of State has designated .....as Chairman of the Panel.
4. The Secretary of State has designated the Panel as the Advisory Panel for the purposes of the Holocaust (Return of Cultural Objects) Act 2009.

### Resources for the Panel

5. The Secretary of State will make available such resources as he considers necessary to enable the Panel to carry out its functions, including administrative support provided by a Secretariat ("the Secretariat").

### Functions of the Panel

6. The Panel shall advise the claimant and the institution on what would be appropriate action to take in response to the claim. The Panel shall also be available to advise about any claim for an item in a private collection at the joint request of the claimant and the owner.
7. In any case where the Panel considers it appropriate, it may also advise the Secretary of State
  - (a) on what action should be taken in relation to general issues raised by the claim, and/or

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<sup>1</sup> Revised following enactment of the *Holocaust (Return of Cultural Objects) Act 2009*

- (b) where it considers that the circumstances of the particular claim warrant it, on what action should be taken in relation to that claim.
- 8. In exercising its functions, while the Panel will consider legal issues relating to title to the object (see paragraph 15(d) and (f)), it will not be the function of the Panel to determine legal rights, for example as to title;
- 9. The Panel's proceedings are an alternative to litigation, not a process of litigation. The Panel will therefore take into account non-legal obligations, such as the moral strength of the claimant's case (paragraph 15(e)) and whether any moral obligation rests on the institution (paragraph 15(g));
- 10. Any recommendation made by the Panel is not intended to be legally binding on the claimant, the institution or the Secretary of State;
- 11. If the claimant accepts the recommendation of the Panel and that recommendation is implemented, the claimant is expected to accept the implementation in full and final settlement of his claim.

#### **Performance of the Panel's functions**

- 12. The Panel will perform its functions and conduct its proceedings in strictest confidence. The Panel's "proceedings" include all its dealings in respect of a claim, whether written, such as in correspondence, or oral, such as at meetings and/or hearings.
- 13. Subject to the leave of the Chairman, the Panel shall treat all information relating to the claim as strictly confidential and safeguard it accordingly save that (a) such information which is submitted to the Panel by a party/parties to the proceedings shall normally be provided to the other party/parties to the proceedings in question; and (b) such information may, in appropriate circumstances, including having obtained a confidentiality undertaking if necessary, be communicated to third parties. "Information relating to the claim" includes, but is not limited to: the existence of the claim; all oral and written submissions; oral evidence and transcriptions of hearings relating to the claim.
- 14. In performing the functions set out in paragraphs 1, 6 and 7, the Panel's paramount purpose shall be to achieve a solution which is fair and just both to the claimant and to the institution.
- 15. For this purpose the Panel shall:
  - (a) make such factual and legal inquiries, (including the seeking of advice about legal matters, about cultural objects and about valuation of such objects) as the Panel consider appropriate to assess the claim as comprehensively as possible;

- (b) assess all information and material submitted by or on behalf of the claimant and the institution or any other person, or otherwise provided or known to the Panel;
- (c) examine and determine the circumstances in which the claimant was deprived of the object, whether by theft, forced sale, sale at an undervalue, or otherwise;
- (d) evaluate, on the balance of probability, the validity of the claimant's original title to the object, recognising the difficulties of proving such title after the destruction of the Second World War and the Holocaust and the duration of the period which has elapsed since the claimant lost possession of the object;
- (e) give due weight to the moral strength of the claimant's case;
- (f) evaluate, on the balance of probability, the validity of the institution's title to the object;
- (g) consider whether any moral obligation rests on the institution taking into account in particular the circumstances of its acquisition of the object, and its knowledge at that juncture of the object's provenance;
- (h) take account of any relevant statutory provisions, including stipulations as to the institution's objectives, and any restrictions on its power of disposal;
- (i) take account of the terms of any trust instrument regulating the powers and duties of the trustees of the institution, and give appropriate weight to their fiduciary duties;
- (j) where appropriate assess the current market value of the object, or its value at any other appropriate time, and shall also take into account any other relevant circumstance affecting compensation, including the value of any potential claim by the institution against a third party;
- (k) formulate and submit to the claimant and to the institution its advice in a written report, giving reasons, and supply a copy of the report to the Secretary of State, and
- (l) formulate and submit to the Secretary of State any advice pursuant to paragraph 7 in a written report, giving reasons, and supply a copy of the report to the claimant and the institution.

### **Scope of Advice**

16. If the Panel upholds the claim in principle, it may recommend either:

- (a) the return of the object to the claimant, or

- (b) the payment of compensation to the claimant, the amount being in the discretion of the Panel having regard to all relevant circumstances including the current market value, but not tied to that current market value, or
  - (c) an ex gratia payment to the claimant, or
  - (d) the display alongside the object of an account of its history and provenance during and since the Nazi era, with special reference to the claimant's interest therein; and
  - (e) that negotiations should be conducted with the successful claimant in order to implement such a recommendation as expeditiously as possible.
17. When advising the Secretary of State under paragraph 7(a) and/or (b), the Panel shall be free to recommend any action which they consider appropriate, and in particular may under paragraph 4(b), recommend to the Secretary of State the transfer of the object from one of the bodies named in the Holocaust (Return of Cultural Objects) Act 2009.

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