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## Updated German Chapter of the ERR Archival Guide Now Available

The Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany (Claims Conference) and the World Jewish Restitution Organization (WJRO) are pleased to announce the online publication in cooperation with the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum of the latest major updating by Patricia Kennedy Grimsted of her ERR Archival Guide entitled *Reconstructing the Record of Nazi Cultural Plunder: A Guide to the Dispersed Archives of the Einsatzstab Reichsleiter Rosenberg (ERR) and the Postwar Retrieval of ERR Loot.* Highlights of the 353 pages of this updated German chapter (March 2022) include the greatly expanded English descriptions of three online groups of Rosenberg/ERR-related records in the Bundesarchiv (BArch Berlin-Lichterfelde): Bestand \*NS 8 (Kanzlei Rosenberg), \*NS 15 (DBFU), and \*NS 30 (ERR), all now publicly available on the Internet with full digital texts through the BArch Invenio reference system.

Additional updates include several added repositories of interest; the new Federal Arts Administration (KVdB); extended Internet resources including library reports on NS-looted books; and an expanded bibliography of published literature, further extending research resources. Still featured are the online digitized records of postwar U.S. and German cultural restitution in Bestand \*323 (TVK), with 75 files of digitized original ERR inventories and related documents directly linked to this chapter.

Along with the recently published update of the French chapter (December 2021), this newly expanded chapter on German resources should be helpful for much broader research on World War II looted cultural assets, not only for ERR seizures and ERR loot.

After the Second World War, original ERR documents were widely dispersed and today are held in over 40 repositories in 10 countries. Written by the preeminent expert on WWII displaced archives, this *Guide* documents the current locations of remaining ERR files and related sources, details their contents, and provides links to the many now online. The *Guide* also describes considerable documentation including the subsequent fate, postwar retrieval, and restitution of ERR loot.

See: https://www.errproject.org/guide/ERR Guide Germany.pdf