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Uw brief van	Ons kenmerk	Contactpersoon	Zoetermeer
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Onderwerp		Doorkiesnummer	
Decision Gutmann-collection		6423	

Dear xxxxxxxxxxxx,

By letter of Februari 11, 2002, I informed you that the Polak-committee (the advisory committee on assessment of restitution applications) has reviewed your request of restitution to the art objects that belong to the F.B.E. Gutmann-collection. On March 25, 2002 I received the advice of the committee. Please find enclosed copies of this advice in Dutch as well as in English.

The committee has advised me to fully grant your request to the Gutmann-collection. In its advice the committee distinguishes the collection into four categories of art objects. As you will notice the committee has come to the conclusion that it is justified rather from a moral than a strictly legal point of view to honour the claim to all four categories.

I have decided to follow the advice and honour your claim as an heir to the Gutmann-collection within the NK-collection. In case you should notice a slight difference between the Dutch and English version of the advice, the Dutch

version prevails.

I have asked the Institute Collectie Nederland (ICN), as custodian of the NK-collection, to contact you in order to make arrangements relating to the actual restitution of the collection.

With kind regards,  
The State Secretary for Education,  
Culture and Science,

dr. F. van der Ploeg.