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STAATLICHE GEMÄLDEGALERIE DRESDEN

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THE DIRECTOR DRESDEN A. 1, 6 July 1944

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To

 Dr. Hildebrand Gurlitt

 Dresden A.

 Kaitzer Str. 26.

 I summarize the results of our conversation today as follows:

 I direct you to send to Dresden by the fastest and safest way possible the artworks to be acquired in Paris, after they have been received and packed by the Knauer firm, and in particular, if at all possible, to send them via the German embassy’s diplomatic pouch or escorted by a guard provided by the military commander in Paris. However, if it turns out that under the current special circumstances this will either take too long or be impractical for other, unforeseeable reasons, you are hereby authorized to carry out the transportation on your own, in the best and safest way possible. In this case, I would like to request that you take out a transportation insurance policy, if possible; otherwise, I presume that you will carry out the transportation with the greatest sense of responsibility, but I explicitly stress, as you desire, that you will have no material liability in the event of damage for which you are not at fault.

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