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Mr. Ben E. Curtis
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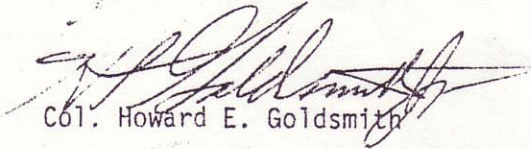
Dear Mr. Curtis:

Please accept this letter as my personal verification for the documentation of the items below and proof of purchase by you.

1. Broomhandle Mauser #342
2. P-08 1st Issue #8989
3. Medal, commonly known as the Star of the German Red Cross
4. Riding Crop
5. Spange
6. 5 - Schutzen Medals
7. Riding Boots

While a Captain serving in the 44th Division, I liberated the above items, as well as several other items which I have subsequently disposed of, from the Hotel Krone, Umhauser, Austria on May 5, 1945. There were several trunks and suitcases found in the hotel that included the above personal items of Joachim von Ribbentrop.

Sincerely,


Col. Howard E. Goldsmith

Joachim von Ribbentrop