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CATALOGUE -

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OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER

COO Ex Comm, 103.

letter opposite for signature, per
in accordance with approved
draft. (but - as amended)
WLB 24/1 H. 24/1

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Ex Com -

They have -
in Mac-
millan '41 -
Memo of '41 -

If the Allied Commission is no longer the channel through which the other allied countries should further their complaints and representations to the Italian Government should they not be so informed officially.

I cannot see why this Division should carry on making representations to the government or behalf of the government, fingers etc if it is politically undesirable to involve the amnistia terms or the eva of their abolition".

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relationship
with Italy

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S. S. Hammett

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Legal Division
17 for HT.

J. J. Hammer
HWA

~~100~~

Ex Comm.

Ref your m 3, see m's 4, 5, & 6.

~~101~~

HT 18/11

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DCLA should read my perished comments on his Min. 6

Seen by JCHA 21/1/47
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CC

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2.

Ex-Com

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Ref m94 and letter affaire.

I think that the representations made by the French representative are well founded and should be taken up strongly with the Italian Government. If we let illegal acts to the detriment of Allied Nationals be committed without protesting vigorously, we not only prejudice the position of the Allies in this country, but also undermine the strength of the present Italian Government.

As you no doubt are aware, such acts as that complained of by the French representative have been frequent and landlords have rarely been able to obtain redress from the local authorities.

I suggest the letter be addressed to the Prime Minister, as the matter involves three Ministries, - Agriculture, Interior, and Justice. Perhaps you will want to speak to GO about it.

I take it that we are still the proper channel through which the French should put their complaints.

99 H. H. H. H. H.

*Large Division
9 Jan 41.*

H. H. H.

D. G. HARRINGTON
Lt. Colonel
Deputy Chief Legal Adviser

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*PLad(B)
PLad(AT)*

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of Political Adviser (A)

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January 14, 1947

MEMORANDUM TO: Allied Commission

SUBJECT: French Claim

I do not concur with the attached view expressed by the Deputy Chief Legal Adviser.

Now that the area in question has been handed back to the Italian Government any representations which the French Government might care to make concerning the treatment of its nationals should be made a matter of direct approach between the French and Italian Governments through diplomatic channels.

The military establishment in Italy is no longer in a position to undertake the handling of claims such as this one, and should not be asked to do so, particularly when there has been no recourse to direct negotiations between the two Governments concerned. Furthermore, in view of all that has taken place concerning the armistice terms and the public statements made regarding them, it is politically most undesirable to invoke them on the eve of their abolition.

I recommend that the French Representative be advised that this matter is one which should be undertaken directly between the French and Italian Governments and that with the imminent abolition of the Allied Commission it is no longer practicable for the military authorities on the eve of the conclusion of the peace treaty to enter into matters of this sort.



Homer M. Byington, Jr.
Deputy U. S. Political Adviser

HMBjr:kmg

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Legal Division

93 Will you please take necessary action on
attached letter from French Rep. to E.C.

If you consider that matter should be
referred to I.G. please prepare suitable letter
for signature of E.C. or alternatively a
suitable reply to French Rep.

L.W. Hird-Smith
Lt. Col.

8 Jan 46.

C.S.O. to Ex. Comm.



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CD 10/11/12

87 do wife is clear. As this query was
adequately & correctly answered at it supposed
no further action.

10/11/12.

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0428

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note

E.C. agreed to suspension of action on 53 + 54.
Nothing further to be done in view of action
on another level.

11 Jun 45

Sh

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note

The French offrs (25) referred to in folio 24A
are concerned with French PW & which is the
responsibility of G-1(B) AFHQ. They are now
in Italy.

The 10 French offrs in folio 36 are Disper's
responsibility. They also are in Italy,
having beaten the pistol, but not yet
working with Disper. Maj Simcock
will clarify with AFHQ by phone.

13/5/45

Sh
PA [unclear] 241

C.S.O.

45.

Please see 41, 42, 43 & 44. Information.
(Mr. Liaison Div. have seen 36-44).

Jul 30/53
M. 31/53

47.

C.S.O.

Please see 46 for information

Jul 26/53

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Mr. Newell

Sendy for de Serin;
Mr. Shaw here's

Cop. 11/2/11

43.1 49

for 2/1/68

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Mr. Newell

Sendy per la Securi
Offi show here

Copys. 11/2/11

Mr. Pichini⁴⁹

Please see

1 Mr. LIAISON DIV

not traced Rep get
put a distribution of
copied 46.

1/1/68

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DPR.

Please see memo 27. 28 and follow 28-30

28 Bureau must have information to VP and send to the Bureau.

Please return for action to the Bureau in 28.

23 MAY 1945

AS.

DPR.
J. H. H.

[Signature]

41

Executive Commission

Folio 36 - The recommendation that to Officers come forward is fully supported by his action and reported, now, as requested.

[Signature]
AS

Also see 40

23 May.

23/5

Chief Commissioner

42.

If you are a Commissioner to the Executive Commission
to try and establish the Executive Commission
to the Executive Commission

Action accordingly
[Signature]

Civil Affairs Section (for action)

Referer pages 36 & 40 & minutes 27, 38, 39, 41, please

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23 May. Also see 40
H 23/1

Chief Commissioner
42.
If you are a Commissioner to go to 42.
Study to be and what the Executive Committee
has to do in the Executive Committee
Action accordingly
W/esp

Civil Affairs Section (for action)
Reference pages 36 & 40 & minutes 37, 38, 39, 41, please see
Executive Committee's minute of 42.

D. Kaseby 26/5/45
43
A.P.R. - You letter (Ref 36) - ask for to French Office
17 May
Civil Affairs Section
44
U.A. Birmingham 1.6.1
CAS

C-5 Section A.F.H.O. - has promised to call here
in French Liaison officers forward with Col VERNE
as soon as possible.
W. K. Limerick

To: C.S.O. - Ex: Can.

1600 hrs. May 20th

S.C.A.O. 15 A.P. telephoned to find out if Parnas de Serein had authority to establish separate French refugee camps. I informed him that Parnas de S. had instructions that his officers were to work under Displaced Persons S/C. & quoted to him relative portions folio (11).

J. H. Duval
Major

37

C50/

Ref 36, the position is that in 24 A French Rep asked for 25 Apps to be allowed to enter the country (Para 3). After referring the point to C.C., E.C. turned down request & wrote a note asking Capot Arnsoldy to notify Gen de Serein tactfully. This was not done as Gen de S. advanced the time of his departure north & left hurriedly. Dispers, as you will see from 36, now recommend an additional 10 French Appr.

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No. 10

CSO-

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22/5/45

38Sh

CSO to V.P. CAS

14.500.36 which should have been addressed to Gen V.P. Memo 37 explains the position. Please draw Disper's attention to the wrong channel. S. 12/5.

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Ex Cover

Ref your M23 letter opposite is submitted ^{for H.H.}
for your approval + signature.
I will ask Capt Arnold to discuss 21 with
Gen de Sévign.

10/5

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Chief Commission

D.H.

May I know what was agreed between
yourself & Genard de Sévign yesterday for
he appears how K6e leaving on Monday instead
of Wednesday TH/12/5.

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John 21 handed to Capt Arnold to see

Gen de Sévign.

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EC.

We did not discuss this matter

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Clay Commissions

May I know what was agreed between
yourself & General de Serna yesterday for
to appear how to be leaving on Monday instead

Wednesday Mr/12/5

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Mr. de Serna to be leaving to see

General de Serna

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EC.

We did not discuss this matter

End

cc

13/5

Mr/14/5

PA 14/5

Executive Commissioner.

(Typed copy of original).

I think we should reconsider on this. See my message to AFHQ on Val d'Aoste today.

1. May. 45.

(Intd) E.W.S.
C.Com.

Executive Commissioner.

(Typed copy of original).

Think we should not get them up too fast - until French intentions are better understood.

13 *refus.*

1. May. 45.

(Intd) E.W.S.
C.Com.

Chief Commissioner.

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SECRET.

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2. I mentioned this to CAO and A/President yesterday, voicing
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(c) your concern.

3. Neither CAO nor A/President feel that we need be anxious. The former told me that General Juin had assured SACMED personally that French forces would aim at military (anti-German) objectives only and that there was no political arrière pensée behind such movement.

MAY 2 1945
cc 1235
2. May. 45.

MS 2/5

E.C.

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MAY 2 RECD
CC 1235-
2 May 45.

E.C.

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✓ May

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MSL 2/6

CEO fwh 23

General de Sevin that the C.C.

has no objection to his visiting the

halt. Will he give us an interview

before leaving

4 Dec 22 for

175 (P)

CSC

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1. Dir AFHQ & 15 AG giving list of proposed
visiting we have given approval in principle.
2. Ask 15 AG for permission - explaining that 12 officers
will be part of Regional team, & will go in with them
and so inform Gen de Serin
3. Action by VP CAS & COT

MS/27/4

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CSC

Ref 10, the following are submitted for signature:

- Letter to French Rep
- G-5, 15 AG.
- CAS & Gen Sec
- Signal - G-5 AFHQ.

28/4

[Signature]

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CSC

French missions for the month left as follows:-

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CSO

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" " CA Sec & Excm Sec

Signal - G-5 AFHQ.

[Signature]

28/4

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CSO

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Officers for Property Control on 27/4
" " Refugees " 28/4.

They are attached to Regions.

[Signature]

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Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785017572/6/EC.25 April 1945.Chief Commissioner.

1. I discussed Pages 1 and 2 of this file with General de Sevin today. I told him that in my opinion it would be necessary to attach the French officers for French refugees and property control to the relevant Sub-Commissions and that it would be impracticable, and in connection with property control, against the law to allow them to work independently. With regard to released French POW, I recommended him to approach AFHQ with a request that officers should be attached to the relevant organisation in AFHQ.
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MSL/JG.

M. G. L. L.
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Copy to: A/DOCAO, 15th Army Group.) This HQ letter 376.2/EC(L) dated

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M. G. L.

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

MSL/JG.

Copy to: A/DOCAO, 15th Army Group. } This HQ letter 376.2/EC(L) dated
Liaison Division } 24 April 1945 is cancelled by the }
above minute and should be destroyed. }

CA Section
Economic Section
} With copy of letter from French Rep.
} XS/SM n. 2.081 of 20 April 1945.

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CONCURRENCE
JWS
CC

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Exclame
Pl See 8 from Gen de Sevin. Ref par
5 can I have for hand. till CHS + E. 100
to other necessary approval from AFHQ
27/4

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Ref. : 572/106/30

January 1947

SUBJECT: Land in Italy belonging to French subjects.

TO : The French Representative
Allied Commission.

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With reference to your note No. 665 of 2nd January 1947 and your further Note 696 of 17 January 47 on the subject of land belonging to a French subject, M. Edouard de La Rochefoucauld, full consideration has been given to the matters raised.

It has been decided that this question is one which should be undertaken directly between the French and Italian Governments, and that with the imminent abolition of the Allied Commission it is no longer practicable for the military authorities on the eve of the conclusion of the Peace Treaty to deal with matters of this nature.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER:

MC
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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Translation

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THE ALLIED COMMISSION
IN ITALY

Rome, 17 January 1947

THE FOREIGN REPRESENTATIVE

NOTE

For Brigadier CARR
Executive Commissioner.

No. 690.

Reference : my note No. 665 of 2 January 1947.

Sir,

I have the honour to complete herewith the information contained in my above note mentioned under the Reference:

1) The Embassy informs me that it has just been informed by the solicitor of Mr. de la Rochefoucauld of the ending of the illegal occupation which was the subject of the above mentioned note (2nd paragraph).

2) However the Farmers' cooperative of BELLACIA, who has already obtained, as I had mentioned at paragraph 1 of the above note, the concession of 65 hectares of land belonging to M. de la Rochefoucauld, has asked the President of the Tribunal of San Angelo dei Lombardi for the grant of a new concession of which it defined the exact extent, to the detriment of our compatriot. The President of the Tribunal has ordered the two parties to appear on 18 January.

Consequently and taking into account this new information, I am modifying the conclusions of my previous note and I have the honour to ask you kindly to intervene with the Italian Government in connection with the grant of a new concession referred to under paragraph 2 of this letter, so that no measure should be taken at variance with the stipulations of the armistice, concerning the property of the dependents of United Nations in Italy.

/s/ Villefosse

Lu 74106

Transl. W

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COMMISSION ALLIÉE
EN ITALIE

17 Janvier

LE REPRÉSENTANT FRANÇAIS

No. 650

NOTE

Pour Monsieur le Brigadier GARR
Nécessaire Commissionner

Reference: au Note No. 665 du 2 Janvier 1947

J'ai l'honneur de compléter les informations contenues dans
ma note citée en référence:

(1) L'Ambassade me fait savoir qu'elle vient d'être avisée
par l'avocat de M. de La Rochefoucauld de la cessation de l'occupa-
tion illégale qui avait fait l'objet de la Note précitée (para-
graphe 2).

(2) Toutefois la coopérative agricole de BISSOLA qui a déjà
obtenu, ainsi que j'avais mentionné au paragraphe 1 de ladite No-
te, la concession de 65 hectares de terres appartenant à M. de la
Rochefoucauld, a demandé au Président du Tribunal de San Angelo del
Lombardi l'octroi d'une nouvelle concession dont elle ne précise pas
l'étendue, au détriment de notre compatriote. Le Président du Tribu-
nal a ordonné la comparution des deux parties pour le 18 Janvier.

En conséquence et sur la vu de ces nouvelles informations,
modifie les conclusions de ma précédente note et j'ai l'honneur de
vous demander d'intervenir auprès du Gouvernement Italien en ce qui
concerne l'octroi d'une nouvelle concession visée au paragraphe 2
ci-dessus, afin qu'aucune mesure ne soit prise en contradiction avec
les dispositions de l'armistice concernant les biens des ressortis-
sants des Nations Unies en Italie.

Curly

Reference: SA Note No. 665 du 2 Janvier 1947

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(2) Toutefois la coopérative agricole de BIANZOLA qui a déjà obtenu, ainsi que je l'avais mentionné au paragraphe 1 de ladite Note, la concession de 65 hectares de terres appartenant à M. de la Rocheboucauld, a demandé au Président du Tribunal de San Angelo del Ligonaro l'octroi d'une nouvelle concession dont elle ne précise ni l'étendue, ni détriment de notre contrainte. Le Président du Tribunal a ordonné la comparution des deux parties pour le 16 Janvier.

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Carlucci

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Deville

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Translation

Allied Commission
French Representative

Rome, 3 January 1947
No. 569

NOTE FOR THE UNITED STATES, AMERICAN REPRESENTATIVE

I have the honor of calling your attention to the following facts:

1. The Decree No. 2334, dealing with article 5 of the law passed of the 12 October 1945, and article 7 of the law passed of the 12 October 1945, regarding the measures to cultivate for a period not exceeding 5 years of land "insufficiently cultivated", was enforced by the Prefect of Avellino on the 1 September 1946 when he placed at the disposition of the Agricultural Cooperative of "S. Maria" 37 hectares of land belonging to a French subject M. Edouard de la Roche-Moreau, born in 1918. The cooperator will receive an annual indemnity the value of which will correspond to 1000 kilos of grain for 10.000 lit.
2. During the first half of December the same land, property - 37 hectares - belonging to the same subject, was forcibly occupied by a certain number of individuals who have since taken their intention of cultivating it for themselves. The steps taken by the representative of the Government with the Italian authorities to bring an end to this second occupation carried out illegally, have been ineffective.

The prefect is now claiming that the land in question, in which he grows 600 heads of cattle, is insufficiently cultivated. His representative has presented a copy of a report published on the 10 September 1946 by the Chief Inspector of Agriculture for the Province of Avellino in which it is stated that the property under discussion, at least at that time, "could be considered one of the best agricultural enterprises in the Province."

The representative of the prefect has accepted the decision of the Prefect of Avellino in what concerns the 37 hectares mentioned in part 1, which were left by the 37 hectares mentioned in part 2; I have the honor of requesting you to intervene with the Italian Government in order to obtain cessation of the occupation contrary to the terms of the Armistice regarding property in Italy of subjects of the United Nations.

(Signature)

Article 32 C.

See 7/102

Copy to: The Embassy
L.S.

See 7/104

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2 JANVIER

NOTE
Pour Monsieur le Brigadier CARR
Exécutive Commissaire

J'ai l'honneur d'appeler votre attention sur
les faits suivants:

1.- Le 9 Septembre 1946, un décret n° 2650-3, pris par le Préfet d'Avellino, en application des articles 5 du décret-loi du 19 Octobre 1944 et 7 du décret-loi du 12 Octobre 1946, qui prévoient la concession aux cultivateurs, pour une durée qui ne peut être supérieure à 4 ans, des terres " insuffisamment cultivées ", a mis à la disposition de la Coopérative agricole de Bisaccia 65 hectares de terres appartenant à un ressortissant français, M. Edouard de La Rochefoucauld, demeurant à Paris. Le propriétaire recevra une indemnité annuelle d'une valeur égale à celle de 46 kilogs de grain par 4.016 m2.

2.- Au cours de la première quinzaine de Décembre, le restant de la propriété de notre compatriote, soit 385 hectares, a été occupé par la force par un certain nombre d'individus qui ont fait connaître leur intention d'en assurer l'exploitation pour eux-mêmes. Les démarches que le représentant de notre compatriote a effectuées auprès des autorités italiennes afin qu'elles fassent cesser cette seconde occupation opérée selon une procédure illégale, n'ont donné aucun résultat.

Le propriétaire conteste par ailleurs que les terres dont il s'agit, et sur lesquelles il possède 600 têtes de bétail, soient insuffisamment cultivées. Son représentant a remis la copie d'un rapport rédigé le 10 Septembre 1941 par l'Inspecteur Chef de l'Agriculture pour la province d'Avellino et dont il ressort que la propriété dont il s'agit pouvait, du moins à cette époque, être considérée comme une des meilleures entreprises

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Le représentant du propriétaire a ~~adossé~~ la décision du Préfet d'Avellino en ce qui concerne les 65 hectares visés au premier paragraphe. En ce qui concerne les 385 hectares visés au second paragraphe j'ai l'honneur de demander votre intervention auprès du Gouvernement italien afin d'obtenir la ces-
.../...

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sation d'une occupation contraire aux dispositions de
l'armistice concernant les biens des ressortissants des Nations
Unies en Italie./.

Luigi De Luca
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See Mr.

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: F 68805

Date/Time of Origin: 061058B JULY

FROM: AFHQ WIKKX

TO: ALCON ROMS

Message Centre No: H/4485

Date Time Received: 071030

Precedence: ROUTINE

JUL 8 1946

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IT Teledano is not accredited to any allied formation and this attachment to Liaison Group Bolzano is not approved. (Signed Secured with PHOS rear 4007 of 3 July). As he is not in Italy in any official allied capacity he will require Italian visa, if he has not this he will not be permitted to remain in Italy.

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ACTION: EX COMMISSIONER

INFO: CHIEF COMMISSIONER

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TO ALCOM ROME

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TO: ALEXANDER GIBSON APOD

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A BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION OFFICER EMPLOYED IN THE
UNITED STATES MARSHAL SERVICE HAS BEEN ASSIGNED TO THE
UNITED STATES MARSHAL SERVICE IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
AND WILL BE AVAILABLE TO ASSIST YOU IN THE EVENT OF YOUR
NEEDING TO ATTEND TO ANY MATTER OF THIS NATURE.

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OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

J. Edgar Hoover

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INCOMING MESSAGE
HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: **WILL/850.12**
Date/Time of Origin: **122 051600**

FROM: **LA VINCIGLIA REGION 480**
TO: **HC ALCON**

Message Centre No: **G 4977**
Date Time Rec'd: **DEC 260830Z**
Precedence: **IMMEDIATE**

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Your 8296 of 13 November. Neither provincial
Commissioner Bolzano nor this Headquarters have any
knowledge of request made by French Military Mission.

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VENEZIA REGION

0296

13 November 1945

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Ed. refers.

PARA ONE PD ITALIAN GOVERNMENT UNDERSTANDS REQUEST MADE TO ALLIED MILITARY AUTHORITIES ITALY BY FRENCH MILITARY COMMISSION AUSTRIA FOR PERMISSION TO ESTABLISH FRENCH MILITARY MISSION BOLZANO TO MAINTAIN LIAISON BETWEEN BOLZANO AND INNSBRUCK DISTRICTS PD

PAREN TO REGIONAL COMMISSIONER VENEZIA REGION FROM HQ ALCOM CITE ACEXO PAREN

PARA TWO PD ALCOM HAS NO INFORMATION OF SUCH REQUEST PD PLEASE ASCERTAIN IF REQUEST MADE AND REPORT PD

MS. 13/11

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EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER

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NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel
Deputy Executive Commissioner

GERARD J. LEONE
CWO USA
Asst. Adj.

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13.
10 November 1945

My dear Dr. Prunas:

The Chief Commissioner has asked me to reply to your letter 16/25323/63 of 5 November 1945 and to say that the Allied Commission is unaware of any request by the French military authorities in the Austrial Tyrol to establish a French military mission in Bolzano. Should any such request be received you may be assured that your views will be fully considered.

BS. 13/11

Very sincerely yours,

 NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel
Deputy Executive Commissioner

Dott. Renato Prunas
Ministro Plenipotenziario
Segretario Generale degli Affari Esteri
Ministero degli Esteri
Roma

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Rome, November 5th, 1945

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n° 16/25323/63

Ministère de l'Armée

Dear Admiral Stone,

It has been reported that the French military Command in Austria would have requested the Allied military Authorities in Italy permission for instituting a French military Mission at Bolzano, in order to establish liaison between the Bolzano and Innsbruck districts.

You are aware that, at present, Innsbruck is the main centre of Austrian propaganda aiming at the annexation of Alto Adige to the Austrian republic. You are also acquainted with the fact that French military Authorities controlling Austrian Tyrol have not always conformed to an attitude of impartial neutrality in connection with said Austrian aims. Austrian propaganda has taken advantage of such situation, thus contributing in rendering more acute the state of restlessness and anxiety, to which I have repeatedly called your attention.

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Admiral Ellery W. STONE
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission

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anti-Italian propaganda material.

The above considerations lead to the belief that in view of the present situation, the establishment at Bolzano of the proposed French Mission could be greatly detrimental to the creation in Alto Adige of an atmosphere of peaceful understanding and constructive co-operation between Italian and German-speaking elements. It is our desire that such an atmosphere should prevail and to this purpose the Italian Government has adopted and is following a policy of comprehension of which it has given, and will give, concrete proof.

I fervently hope you are in agreement with the above viewpoint and that you will bring it to the notice of the proper Allied Authorities.

I thank you for your kind interest in the matter and I remain, dear Admiral Stone,

Very sincerely yours

(signed) R. PRUNAS

Ministero degli Affari Esteri

Roma, -5 NOV 1945

16/ 25323

Caro Ammiraglio,

viene segnalato che il Comando militare francese in Austria avrebbe chiesto alle Autorità Militari Alleate in Italia di poter istituire una Missione Militare francese a Bolzano, allo scopo di stabilire contatti fra le regioni di Bolzano e Innsbruck.

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Mi permetto inoltre ricordarle che, già dopo la liberazione dell'Alto Adige, una Missione francese si era stabilita a Merano. E' noto che la presenza di tale Missione dette luogo a gravi inconvenienti tanto che le Autorità Alleate ritennero opportuno, nel giugno scorso, lo scioglimento della Missione e l'arresto dei suoi componenti.

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All'Ammiraglio
Ellery W. STONE
Commissario Capo
Commissione Alleata

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Ministero degli Affari Esteri

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stria e muniti di regolari lasciapassare francesi, venivano in Italia per diffonderci materiale di propaganda ostile al nostro Paese.

Quanto sopra detto induce a ritenere che l'eventuale stabilimento a Bolzano della progettata Missione potrebbe, allo stato delle cose, essere pregiudizievole alla creazione in Alto Adige di quell'atmosfera di pacifica convivenza e di fattive collaborazioni fra gli elementi di origine italiana e gli allogeni che il Governo Italiano vivamente auspica e persegue mediante una politica di comprensione della quale ha già fatto prove concrete e alle quali altre faranno seguito.

Nella viva speranza che Ella, condividendo tale punto di vista, vorrà farne parte alle competenti Autorità militari, La prego di gradire, caro Ammiraglio, insieme con i miei ringraziamenti, gli atti della più sincera cordialità.-

P. R.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref: 572/81/80

16 October 1945

SUBJECT: French Naval Mission in Genoa
TO : Navy Subcommittee

It would be appreciated if a reply could be given to 572/80/80
dated 3 October 45 on the subject of the French Naval Mission in Genoa.

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C. R. BRAYBROOKE

Chief Staff Officer
To Executive Commissioner

Discussed with Lt Col. Davis, RNVR
who requested that we hold this
in abeyance until some disciplinary
naval problems are ironed out.

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Ref: 572/AC/MS.

3 October 1945.

SUBJECT: French Naval Mission in Genoa.

TO : Navy Sub-Commission.

I attach a copy of a letter received from the Regional Commissioner, Liguria Region, on the above subject, and shall be glad to have your comments.

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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HEADQUARTERS
LIGURIA REGION
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
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29 September 1945

Ref: Lig/HQ/ng

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SUBJECT: French Naval Mission in Genoa.

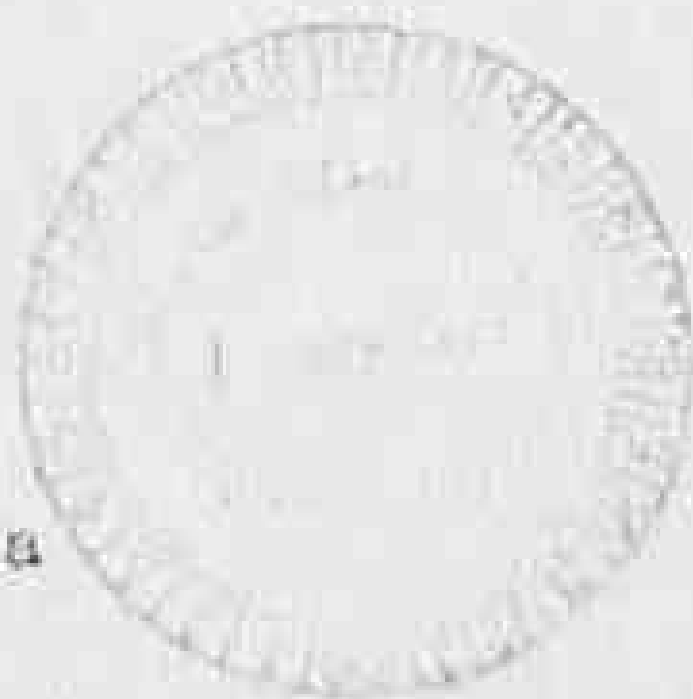
TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394, Attention:
Executive Commissioner.

1. I am of the opinion that the French Naval Mission in Genoa is too large for the work there is to do. The number of officers varies, but on an average there are about a dozen. There is also a considerable number of naval ratings and civilian employees.

2. There is only a very small amount of French Naval property still in the ports of Liguria. Now that the activities of the French Military Liaison officers have been restricted, I consider that the work of this mission is not merely restricted to looking after French Naval property.

3. I attach a copy of a letter received from the R.N.O., Genoa, confirming this opinion.

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J. G. SELBY
Colonel
Regional Commissioner

c.c.-CO, 60 Sub-Area

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Navy House,
Genoa.
23th. September, 1945.

Regional Commissioner,
A.M.G. Genoa.

French Naval Mission in Genoa.

With reference to our recent conversation on the above subject, I confirm that in my opinion, the above delegation appears overmanned for the apparent amount of work done.

In my opinion, and from what I have seen of their work 2 Officers and 2 ratings would seem sufficient for their needs.

/s/ H.R.K. Bamber
LIEUT. COMMANDER, R.N.
RESIDENT NAVAL OFFICER.

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HEADQUARTERS
PIEMONTE REGION
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 394

(FORTHRIGHT FOWLS 109)
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REFERENCE: PR/ESO/ 115.1

7 September 1945

SUBJECT : MILITARY MISSIONS

TO : CHIEF OF STAFF, HQ, AC

SEP 10 1945

1. The following is forwarded for information:-

ON
581/EC
(A) French Liaison Officers.

French Liaison Officers have now been withdrawn from Aosta and Turin Provinces, but still remain in TENDA (Cuneo Province).

(B) French Military Mission - Repatriation of Allied Nationals

A French Military Mission, resident at the Allied National Camp, Turin, which camp is controlled by Displaced Persons and Repatriation Subcommittee, deals with the entry of Italians and other nationals into France.

Members of the Mission visit Montcalieri Camp weekly to deal with applications but the results are unsatisfactory in that repatriation of Italians to France appears to be at a standstill.

ON
516/EC
(C) Russian Military Mission

The Russian Military Mission, which was operating recently in Cuneo Province (see this Hq PR/ESO/126.1 dated 28 Aug 45) withdrew on the 31 August 45 for a destination believed to be Russian POW Camp, BRESCIA GHEDI. In the event of the return of the Mission to territory of this Region, action will be taken as directed by Hq 2 District.

By order of Colonel Thomas:

(See also 210)
/s/ A. W. Micklewright
/t/ A. W. MICKLEWRIGHT
Capt. R.A.
Exec. S.O. (b)
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Copy to: P.C. Cuneo
G.S.I. 2 District

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Previous folios 76 to 108 and from 110 to 122
dating from 26 July 45 to 1 Oct 45 have been
transferred to new file 9010/82.

1 Oct 45



Subs: Recovery Of French Material
And Mission THEREFOR.

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JULY 12/1615B
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FROM: ARMO SERVED SACHED CITE THREE

TO: ACTION: FIFTH ARMY INFO: SHARP MISSION FRANCE, SHARP MADE FOUR COMPS, ALONG
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reference our EX 14162.

Refer 15 ARMY GROUP signal CAS/642 and IV CORPS signal 3135. following is
paraphrase SHARP MISSION FRANCE signal RF 15000 not to all Centre at St JEAN DE
MAURIEUX receiving 2000 French from SERA as route referred to has in fact been
operating unofficially. until remaining few French in this area of ITALY have
been returned to FRANCE it would seem desirable regularize this route.

your comments are requested.

END

INFO-ACTION : DIRECTOR

INFO : CHIEF COMMISSIONER
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Ref: 572/74/BO.

Tel: 735

4 July 1945.

SUBJECT: Records of the Italian/French Armistice Commission.

TO : Civil Affairs Section.

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1. Attached hereto is letter from the Office of the French Representative, reference AB/SE No.2.175 dated 3 July 1945, together with copy of acknowledgement.
 2. Will you please instruct the Archives Officer covering TURIN that facilities are to be given to the French authorities to inspect the records of the Italian/French Armistice Commission, but that none are to be removed. The records must be retained in the custody of the Allied Commission until further notice.

E. Tabet

Chief Staff Officer,
To Executive Commissioner.

Incl:
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Tel: 735

Ref: 572/73/BC.

4 July 1945.

SUBJECT: Records of the Italian/French Armistice Commission.

TO : Office of the French Representative.

1. In reply to your letter, reference AB/SM No. 2.175 dated 3 July 1945, I regret to inform you it is not possible at the present time to hand over to the French authorities the records of the Italian/French Armistice Commission.

2. However, these records which it is understood are located in the Royal Palace at TURIN may be inspected by the French authorities and instructions will be given to the Archives Officer of PIEDMONT Region to give every facility in this respect.

E. Talbot

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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Ref: 572/72/30.

Tel: 735

4 July 1945.

SUBJECT: Withdrawal of Capt VAN LAETHEN from Piemonte Region.

TO : Civil Affairs Section (for Displaced Persons & Repat. S/O)

1. Attached hereto is letter from the Office of the French Representative, reference AB/SM No. 2.174 dated 3 July 1945, together with copy of its acknowledgement.

2. Signal P 94 dated 2 July from PIEMONTE Region also refers and you are requested to take steps to withdraw Capt VAN LAETHEN and inform Regional Commissioner PIEMONTE Region.

E. Taisot

Chief Staff Officer,
To Executive Commissioner.

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Tel: 735

Ref: 572/71/EC.

4 July 1945.

SUBJECT: Withdrawal of Capt VAN LANTHEM from Piemonte Region.

TO : Office of the French Representative.

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1. In reply to your letter reference AB/SM No.2.174 dated 3 July 1945, there will be no objection to the withdrawal of Captain VAN LANTHEM from his attachment to PIERMONT Region - Displaced Persons & Repatriation Sub-Commission.

2. The Regional Commissioner PIERMONT Region is being informed accordingly.

E. Talbot

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the French Representative

Rome, July 3rd 1945
AB/SM no. 2.174

To : Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission Hq.

Subject : Withdrawal of Captain Gabriel VAN LAETHEN
from Allied Military Government Piemonte Region.

1. Captain Gabriel VAN LAETHEN - who, at the time of the liberation of Northern Italy, had joined the Displaced Persons Section of the AMG Piemonte Region - has now been appointed by the Provisional Government of the French Republic to assume charge of heading the French Consular Office in TURIN.

2. The French Embassy and this Office would very much appreciate to hear if you would object to Captain Van Laethen being withdrawn right away from AMG to assume charge of his new post.

Lt. de GUILLIN d'AVENAS,
i.c. French Mission.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the French Representative
APO 394

Rome, July 3rd 1945
AB/SM no. 2.175

To : Chief Commissioner

Subject : Records of the Italian-French Armistice Commission in
Turin.

1. We have been informed that the records of the Italian French Armistice Commission - which operated in Turin from June 1940 to September 1943 - are actually located in the Royal Palace of same town.

2. This Office would be very grateful if you would kindly examine the possibility of handing over to the French authorities such documents which appear to be of very great interest to them.

Lt. B. de GUILLEIN d'AVENAS,
i.c. French Mission.

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From: HQ PIERMONT REGION SIGNED MARSHALL

To: AICOM REGIONAL FOR LUSH

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Para 1. Captain G A VAN LANTHEM (French) attached this HQ for Displaced Persons is assuming duties as French Consul and functioning as such in certain areas.

Para 2. This is manifestly incompatible with ^{his} military status and attachment to this HQ.

Para 3. It is urgently requested that he be relieved forthwith from attachment to this Region.

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PRIORITY
JUL 2 1945

From: IV CORPS

To: AFHQ, 15 ARMY GP, ALCON, 5 ARMY ATTN AG OF S, G-2 (ALL INFORMATION)

IN CIBAR

Ref FX 14162 from AFHQ. *28 June*

Conversations between Colonel LEGLISE, 5th Bureau, Alpine commands, GRENOBLE, Dn and Lt BRAAFPLADT, CIC Italian frontier control 28 June, indicated French did not wish to open another crossing point on French frontier. LEGLISE stated 5th Bureaus of GRENOBLE and PARIS interested in holding crossing points to minimum to assure adequate control.

Opening additional route would necessitate procurement 2 additional agents to frontier CIC.

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JUNE 30 1400B
ROUTINE

FROM: 15 ARMY GROUP

TO: 5TH ARMY INFO IV CORPS, AFHQ, SHANT PAIK, SHANT MISSION TO FRANCE,
ALCOCK ROUTE

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Following signal from AFHQ number PL 14162 cite PHOTO of
28 June is repeated to you

"1. French now anxious use also route WUSA-ST JEAN DE
MAURIEUNE. Ref our VC 97026.

2. Have you any objection.

3. For SHANT MISSION. Your VT 14311 refers."

Please reply your views direct to AFHQ copy to this Hqs and
information addressee.

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Info - Chief Commissioner
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CA Sec
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HEADQUARTERS
30 JUN 1945

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Following airmail from 4703 number 77 1460 of the Bureau of
20 June is repeated to you

"1. French now anxious use also route 1460-1461 JUNE DE
MAURITIENNE. Ref our 77 97026.

2. Have you any objection.

3. For many reasons. Your 77 1461 refers."

Please reply your views direct to 1460 copy to this HQ and
information addressees.

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Info-Action - Dinner
Info - Chief Commissioner
Exec Comm
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E. F. Conner
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PX 14162
JUNE 28 1945

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JUNE 29 0830
ROUTINE

JUN 29 1945

From: AFHQ SIGNED ALEXANDER CITE PHOEG

To: ACTION 15 ARMY GRP INFO SHAEF MAIN, SHAEF MISSION FRANCE, 5 ARMY,
ALCOM ROM.

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Ref our PX-97086.

French now anxious use also route SUSSE-ST JEAN DE MAURIEUNE.

2. Have you any objection.

3. For SHAEF Mission. Your MP 14811 refers.

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INFO - CHIEF COMMISSIONER

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ROUTINE

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From: AFHQ SIGNED ALEXANDER CITE FHGB
To: CHIEF MISSION FRANCE INFO TO SHARP MAIN: 15 ARMY GROUP: 5 ARMY: ALCOM

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Reference our FX 94587.

Repatriation French nationals ex 5 ARMY via VENTIMIGLIA-VILLE FRANCOISE
approved. French Mission to provide necessary transport and coordinate all
movement with senior refugee officer 5 ARMY. Report progress.

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INFO-ACTION: Disper
INFO: Chief Commissioner
Ex Commissioner
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JUN 21 1945

HQ 15TH ARMY GP

(1) 8TH ARMY INFO (2) ALCON (3) AFHQ (4) 5TH ARMY

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Col VERNES of French Repatriation Mission and 22 French officers are in ITALY in connection with IPW and displaced persons work. Col VERNES and his chief of staff request permission to visit UDINE area. Is there any objection.
Is the text of AFHQ cable FX 95822 dated 15 June 1945 to headquarters 15 ARMY GROUP. Please wire this headquarters soonest your approval or disapproval. If disapproved state reasons for so doing.

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INFO: Chief Commissioner
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From AFHQ SIGNED SACRED SITE THREE

to ACTION: 5 ARMY INFO HALF BISHOP FRANGE, ALGER, TRIST MATH, 15
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French repatriation Mission again request permission to repatriate French nationals ex 5 ARMY area via VENTIMILLA - VILLERBANQUE. Reciprocal movement similar numbers local Italians also contemplated. French Mission would provide necessary transport. Have you any objection.

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CG IV CORPS WELLS, 9-2

CG 5TH ARMY, 15 ARMY GROUP, AFHQ, ALCOM, 1ST ARMD DIV, 34 INF
DIV, 6 3A ARMD DIV.

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G2: The road through the little S BERNARD Pass G4501 east of the French border is open to allow passage of 3/4 ton vehicles. (Frontier Sitrep number 37 closing 151800B). French special mission is leaving INTROD C7001 sometime tomorrow. Population of ACSTA believe that the French are soon leaving the valley. There is a clandestine meeting of Partisans tonight. It is anticipated that the meeting is to discuss ways and means to stop Italian civilians who have been helping the French from returning to FRANCE with the French troops. G3: Nothing to report. G5: Italian attempted to smuggle rice across the border at D972259. Arrested and handed over to carabinieri.

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Ref: 572/60/EC.

14 June 45.

Subject: French Displaced Persons Representative, Piemonte Region.

To: O.A. Section (for Displaced Persons & Repatriation
Sub-Commission).

Attached hereto is a letter from Piemonte Region dated 9th June on the subject of Captain Van LAETHAM, the French representative attached to Displaced Persons in that region.

He was one of the officers concerning whom instructions were given for their withdrawal, but the policy now is to permit French representatives to remain in regions for the time being.

However, with regard to Captain Van LAETHAM, you will of course be in order in taking any steps which may seem desirable if he is unable to carry out his work satisfactorily.

[Signature]
G.S.O.
To Executive Commissioner.

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Folio 59 - letter from Col. SZLBY, HQ Piemonte Region of 9 June
removed from file and passed to C.A. Section with 572/60/20
of 14 June. (for Displaced Persons & Repat Sub-Commission)

[Signature]

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EXTRACT FROM SIGNAL 1862 dated 12 June 45 (File 151/EC)
FROM: IV CORPS

"G2: Investigation as to authenticity of orders of French Military Mission in TURIN indicated that orders have not been indorsed by AMHQ but have been issued to the individual members of the organization by SHAF as individual permits allowing movement into ITALY for no stated reason. Nothing on orders indicates that SHAF has indorsed the establishment of a military mission at TURIN. Copies of these individual permits will follow when received at this Hq."

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From: CG IV CORPS WELLS G-2

To: CG 5TH ARMY, 15 ARMY GROUP, AFHQ, ALCOM, 1ST ARMED DIV, 34 INF DIV, 6 SA
ARMED DIV

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G2: 18 Regiment Tirailleurs Senegalaise, independent unit operating under 1 division motorized infantry in southern sector, being withdrawn, completion scheduled for today, for contemplated dispatch to PACIFIC. G3: 1 platoon A Co 751 Tank Bn closed CUNEO N8655 at 091030. G5: French Liaison reports a Col VERNES now enroute to ROME and CASERTA to contact AFHQ to complete arrangements for French Military Mission connected with repatriation French citizens NORTHERN ITALY. Mission possesses travel orders issued by French Ministry for War Prisoners reported to be indorsed by SHAET with AFHQ approval and valid for ITALY. 5 members this group in TURIN now assisting Capt VAN LATHEN and request permission remain until work completed. This HQ seeking copy of orders. This personnel not needed and not wanted by IV CORPS. Further report to follow.

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INFO: Chief Commissioner

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Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 735017To: Ext. 573MEMORANDUM

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REFERENCE : G-1B/356/0

6 June 1945.

SUBJECT : French Officers in North

TO : Director, Displaced Persons and Repatriation S.C.

FROM : G-1(B) H.Q. A.O.

Confirming telephone conversation (5 Jun 45) Col. FINDLAY - Maj. REHWICK, two French Officers called VON LETHAN and DOUBENY who are attached to D.P. & R. Sub Commission in the Turin Area should be withdrawn without delay.

FOR VICE PRESIDENT, ESTABLISHMENTS SECTION

Spoke Maj Rehwick asking him to suspend action. 7/6/45

/pc.

Copy to : Executive Commissioner.
(Your 7018/EO of 5 Jun 45 refers).

Rehwick
Sir J.E.T. RITCHIE Bt.
Lt. Colonel,
G-1 (B)

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

Office of the Executive Commissioner

4th June 1945.

Chief Staff Officer.

I telephoned this evening to AFHQ asking for a policy direction on the withdrawal of French officers from Northern Italy, Displaced Persons, Property Control, Repatriation Officers, etc. This has the complete approval of the Chief Commissioner and should be prosecuted.

F. S. [signature]

MSL/PC.

(Colonel [signature])

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REGIONAL COMMISSIONER LIGURIA REGION A.E.C.

GENOVA

June 4th 1945

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INFORMATION IS ASKED ON WHEREABOUTS OF FRENCH REPATRIATION
MISSION WITH COLONEL AS CHIEF REPORTED ARRIVED IN GENOVA
ON JUNE FIRST PAREN TO A.E.C. LIGURIA REGION FOR
REGIONAL COMMISSIONER HEADQUARTERS GENOVA PAREN
AND ON WHICH WE HAVE NO FURTHER INFORMATION PD PRESENCE OF
COLONEL URGENTLY REQUESTED IF SOME OTHER OFFICERS SUPPOSED
TO JOIN MILAN WHEN THEY WILL GET FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS

SIGNED : MAJOR GENERAL DE SEVIN

FRENCH REPRESENTATIVE A.C.H.Q.

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FRENCH REPRESENTATIVE A.C.

ext. 504

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ROUTINE

HQ 15TH ARMY GP
ALCOM

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Following signal received from IV CORPS and is forwarded for your information:

*Frontier ISUM Number 6 from IV CORPS to 5 ARMY to include 311000B it is confirmed that the 36 French Division is now relieving 1 IMI. Relief will not be completed before 8 June. French Liaison officer with this headquarters reports personnel 36 Division are ex FFI from southwest FRANCE. On 28 May Colonel JORDON Deputy Regional Commissioner of LIGURIA accompanied the Regional Legal Officer and the Provincial Commissioner called on Colonel PIBOT commanding the French troops in western IMPERIA regarding the establishment of Allied Military Government in that area. Colonel PIBOT received them courteously but stated that he had not instructions to permit the establishment of Allied military and that he would have to communicate with General GERBAY who in turn would have to call DOYAN. It was however agreed by Colonel PIBOT that in order to enable the Provincial Commissioner to comply with his orders that the proclamations would be posted but no further action could be taken pending the conference with General DOYAN. On 29 May Colonel JORDON and the others started to post the proclamations and on the way Colonel PIBOT overtook them and said that he had tried to get a message to them during the night. Colonel PIBOT then gave the Allied officers a message "That General DOYAN is unable to envisage a change in administration in west IMPERIA at this juncture. He has no such agreement with General TRUCOTT. Any change now would appear to the

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Italians as a retreat on the part of his country."

The above signal number 1626 dated 31 May 45 was also sent to 5 ARMY attention G2, 15 ARMY GROUP attention G2, AFHQ attention G2.

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FRONT: SHAWY MISSION FORCE SIGNED 1215 CITE INFO

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10 AIRCRAFT TRANSPORTATION SUB COMMISSION FOR SHAWY DISPER ALLOC. INFO SHAWY FORWARD
FOR O 5, SHAWY MAIN

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Following from 10740011-0000000000. Recommendation being made to O 5 AFM.

Best chances of repatriation French Ex AUSTRIA appears to be via SWITZERLAND or
Northern route. This already agreed between Swiss and French authorities at rate of up
to 5000 a day through SWITZERLAND. Recommend therefore strict enforcement of Austro-
Italian frontier being closed to French.

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15 ARMY GROUP, INFO: IV CORPS, FIFTH ARMY ALCOM

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1. Effective 1 June CIC Italian Frontier Control Detachment will revert to operational control of AFHQ in accordance with paragraph 5 of this Headquarters's AG 371.2/167 GSG-O dated 28 April.
2. Reference your CPS 561 dated 23 May. From 1 June French and Italian nationals sponsored by AMG may be repatriated across Italo-French frontier subject to prior approval of Frontier Control Detachment. This applies only to one way travel to homeland, and does not authorize temporary visits. French approval should be obtained locally.
3. IV CORPS please advise Frontier Control Detachment, who should submit nominal rolls of individuals repatriated to this headquarters.

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FROM : 15 ARMY GROUP
TO : AFHQ INFO 5 ARMY, 8 ARMY, ALCOM

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Approval is requested to open the French-Italian frontier to the extent that controlled movements of French and Italian refugees may be permitted. It is believed that French or Italian refugees properly sponsored by duly recognized repatriation officers should be permitted to cross the frontier into their home lands, with the minimum of delay.

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From: GENERAL DE SEVIN, FRENCH REPRESENTATIVE ALCOM
To: ALCOM EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER

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Army and Regions most helpful. Impossible however move French nationals to West French frontier because lack of transport. French nationals are frozen at camps 8th ARMY area until transportation problem solved. In view of great number of nationals expected could 40 trucks out of 500 promised to Displaced Persons by AFHQ be detailed for moving French towards West frontier. Regional Commissioner VERIZIE needs French Staff. Insist on arrival French repatriation officers. Until then am sending to Region 12 officer from ROM for camps Northeast ITALY. Kindly provide transport for this most important assignment.

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22 MAY 1945
A.C.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
DISPLACED PERSONS AND REPATRIATION SUB-COMMISSION

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DPN/21/G-II (DP) Tel. 489081 Ext. 392 19 May 1945

SUBJECT : French Repatriation Officers.

TO : Executive Commissioner.

1. Reference message E/1013 dated 16 May 1945 from General De Sevin.
2. A meeting was held on 18 May 1945 with the French Representative accredited to this Sub-Commission to discuss the above quoted message.

3. There are at present 3 French Officers in Italy dealing with French Nationals regarding repatriation. It is considered that this number is too few and that French Repatriation Officers should be allocated to D.P. & R.S.C. Group HEADQUARTERS with Regions as follows:-

Liguria	2	(1 at present)
Piemonte	2	(1 at present)
Lombardia	2	(1 at present)
Venezia	5	
Emilia	2	
Total	<u>13</u>	

4. It is recommended that A.F.R.Q. ask the French Government to provide 10 Repatriation Officers from France as soon as possible. It is understood that these Officers are available in Paris now.

5. May your approval be given for this Sub-Commission to ask A.F.R.Q. for the additional 10 Officers by signal.

For the Director:

C.F. BISHOP
C.F. BISHOP
Lt. Colonel
Deputy Director.

See folders 20 & 24 A.

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On Ex. Com's instructions
I saw Col. Fothergill & gave
him a message that he
should only comply with
Gen. de Serin's suggestions
if the Fr. Officers could be
usefully employed. When
Saw French Rep. I asked
him to call on Col. Fothergill.
P.R.
1/15.

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference

Date/Time of Origin MAY 16NRT

Message Centre No. E/1019

Date/Time Recd MAY 162000E

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FROM GENERAL DE SEVIN

TO FRENCH REPRESENTATIVE ALLIED COMMISSION EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER ALLIED COMMISSION
ROME

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SECRET ACTION

Following report received from French LC 8th Army on May 16 1400 hours:

15000 French nationals are in KLAGENFURT area and more to come STUY (Stop ?) thousand refugees and ex POW arriving daily in TRIESTE and UDINE where French LC 8th Army AMG and CLN have established temporary camps. Normal traffic displaced persons is towards ROME NAPLES. Because of lack of transport and as long as Army is in charge French nationals have to follow same route instead of normal route towards Franco Italian border. In view of above statement insist that French repatriation officers requested in my letter 2116 May 8th should be given urgent priority. Those officers and other French security officers will be able to screen all French nationals and I suggest that as soon as operations permit and AC takes charge necessary steps be taken to segregate these nationals and repatriate them through normal route via French border. Am leaving immediately for PADOVA to contact authorities there.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
DISPLACED PERSONS AND REPATRIATION SUB-COMMISSION

DPR/21/G-II (DP) Tel. 489081 Ext. 201 15 May 1945

SUBJECT : Proposed French Representative in Northern Italy.

TO : G-5 Section, A.P.H.Q., C.M.F. (2)
(Attn: Major W. Driffield-White).

1. General De SEVIN, French Representative, A.C. has sent this A.C. an urgent request for the purpose of obtaining the necessary authority to appoint Col. VERGES as Head of the French Repatriation Officers in Northern Italy.

2. In view of the large number of French Citizens being found in Northern Italy, it would be much appreciated if you would kindly authorize the a/m French Officer to enter Italy for this special purpose.

3. We are informed that the French authorities have already taken the necessary steps with S.H.A.E.F. in respect of the a/m Officer's appointment, and as soon as the authority is granted, they will expedite his departure for Italy.

4. If you approve of this appointment Col. VERGES will be attached to the French Mission, accredited to D.P. & R.S.C., A.C.

For the Director:

V. S. Sidcock
V.S. SIDCOCK
Major, G-II.

Copy to: Executive Commissioner, A.C.
Civil Affairs Section, A.C.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the French Representative
APO 324

Rome May 11th 1945
SX/SM N° 2.119

SUBJECT : Visit to Northern Italy

TO : Executive Commissioner

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1. In reference to your letter 572/25/EC. appreciation is here expressed for authorisation given to visit Northern Italy.
2. If necessary arrangements can be made I would like to leave by car on Wednesday May 16th.
3. If possible I would like to visit Commanding Officers at the following H.Q. 15th Army Group, 5th Army, 8th Army N° 2 District, IV Corps, Regional Commissioners Lombardia, Piemonte and Liguria.
4. Lt Jehan de Noue my Chief Staff Officer and I Driver will accompany me on this tour.
5. Lt d'Avenas will be left in charge of my office at this H.Q. during my absence.

X. de Sevin
Xavier de Sevin, Major General
French Representative, A.C.

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(This Address)

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Tel: 735

12 May 1945.

Ref: 572/28/EC.

SUBJECT: French Repatriates in N.ITALY.

TO : Civil Affairs Section.

1. Attached hereto is original letter from the Office of the French Representative dated 10 May 1945, together with a copy of his letter of 20 April 1945.
2. Will you please take appropriate action on this sending this Office a copy of the letter, together with a copy of the letter written by you to AMQ asking for permission to receive the party of twenty five French officers.

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Chief Staff Officer,
To Executive Commissioner.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the French Representative
APO 394

Rome, May 10th 1945

XS/SM No. 2.118

To : Executive Commissioner
Subject : French Repatriates in Northern Italy

1. Following my letter n. 2.081 of April 20th, to Chief Commissioner, I am pleased to inform you that the French Government at my request has appointed Colonel VERGES to head the Mission of Officers who are to take care of French Nationals who will have to be repatriated to France through Northern Italy.
2. Necessary steps have been taken with SHAEP to hasten the departure of Colonel VERGES. It would be appreciated if, in turn, AFHQ could be informed of his arrival.
3. The French Government has also requested from SHAEP that the French Repatriation Officers requested by my letter 2.116, May 8th, who are on the alert in Paris should be permitted, when authorization for their arrival is obtained, to join their posts in Northern Italy directly by road. It would equally be appreciated if AFHQ could be informed of this request and give the necessary authorizations.

X. de SEVIN, Major General
French Representative.

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Ref: 572/25/80.

Tel: 735

10 May 1945.

SUBJECT: French Repatriates and PW in N. ITALY.

TO : Major General X. de Sevin,
French Representative, A.G.

1. Consideration has been given to your request to visit Northern Italy and I am glad to inform you that no objection will be raised to this.
2. Will you kindly give as much advance notice as possible of the date of departure, together with your itinerary, so that Arras can be advised of your arrival. Will you also kindly inform me of the number that will be in your party, which should be kept as small as possible.
3. I take this opportunity of acknowledging your letter dated 8 May 1945, reference XA/SM No. 2.116, requesting permission for the entry into this theatre of twenty five French officers. I am referring this to ARHQ and will inform you as soon as a reply is received.

For the Chief Commissioner:

M. S. LUSH

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Copy to: Civil Affairs Section.

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Tel: 735

10 May 1945.

Ref: 572/24/EC.

SUBJECT: French Repatriates and PW in N.ITALY.

TO : Civil Affairs Section.

1. With reference to the attached letter dated 8 May 1945 from the Office of the French Representative, will you please prepare a letter to AFHQ for the signature by the Executive Commissioner containing your recommendations.
2. This letter has been acknowledged as per the attached copy.

(Sgd) E M.

Chief Staff Officer,
To Executive Commissioner.

Incl:
as above

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the French Representative
APC 394

Rome, 8 May 1945

XS/SM No. 2.116.

TO : Executive Commissioner.

SUBJECT : French Repatriates & Prisoner of War in
Northern Italy.

Ref: letter XS/SM No. 2.081 April 20th 1945
to Chief Commissioner.

1. First reports from Northern Italy show that a serious and confused situation has arisen among the different categories of French nationals whose number seems to exceed previous expectations. These Nationals can be divided into 3 categories :-

- (a) French Prisoners of War liberated by Allied advance ;
- (b) Numerous civilians either evacuees, refugees or workers forcibly deported into Germany to work for the Reich;
- (c) French "Miliciens" who were fighting with the Nazis and Fascists under command of Darland, in the maquis and who are trying to escape, using civilian clothes.

2. The few French Officers attached to different Sub-Commissions are in such small number that they cannot possibly cope with a situation that involves tens of thousands of French Nationals.

3. It is extremely urgent that A.F.H.Q. could allow the immediate arrival in this theatre of 25 French Officers belonging to the Repatriation Branch who already are selected in Paris. Among them and with them, could be sent C.I.C. and P.S.S. Officers as well as Red Cross Workers.

4. Most urgent task for this small force would be to segregate good from bad Frenchmen. Later on they could help in the establishment of a French Refugee Camp under Allied Supervision.

(sgd.) X. de SEVIN, Major General,
French Representative.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

Office of the Executive Commissioner

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7th May 1945.

Chief Commissioner.

1. The Allied Commission is receiving applications from various diplomatic and semi-diplomatic institutions to visit the North. The Delegate of the Representative of the USSR for the Repatriation of Soviet citizens has applied, General de Sevin is most anxious to go, the Greek representative and the Yugoslav Minister to the Holy See are all candidates.

2. Up to date we have allowed six French officers to go definitely attached to the Displaced Persons and Property Control Sub-Commissions with the full agreement of the Sub-Commissions. We have also allowed the Commercial Counsellors of the British and American Embassies to accompany Mr. Antelini.

3. I think our answer to the remainder should be in the negative and I think it would be advisable if a letter over your signature could be sent to all Embassies and diplomatic posts pointing out that at the present time it is impossible to give permission.

MS/L45.

MSL/JG. Commission officers (Rus. & Fr.)
should be allowed, but with small
staffs. Greek & Y-S no. We discussed
yesterday
V JG

3613/EC 'Permits Movement'
542/EC 'French Mission'
499/EC 'Visits Soviet Reps'
800/EC 'Visits Ital Govt officials'
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HEADQUARTERS 15TH ARMY GROUP
G-5 SECTION
APO 777

NWJ/mjm (21)

Ref: G-5/9/11.1

5 MAY 1945

SUBJECT: French Interests in the North.

TO: Executive Commissioner,
Headquarters Allied Commission.

1. Reference your 572/12/SC, dated 28 April 1945. MAY 7
2. On 20 April 1945, at the request of General le Conteulx de Caumont, French Military Commander in Italy, at Rome, Commanding General, this Headquarters, approved the appointment of Captain de Clermont as a representative in Florence of the 5me Bureau (G-5 Section) of the French Military Command in Italy.
3. The 5me Bureau is mainly concerned with military security and displaced persons, and the specific function of Captain de Clermont is to give such assistance as may be required in the screening of any French subjects, whether military or civilian, who may be encountered in Italy.
4. It would appear that what General de Sevin asks is largely a duplication of the 5me Bureau of the French Military Command in Italy and it is suggested that General de Sevin's proposed organization be absorbed by the 5me Bureau.
5. If there is some reason, not apparent, why the two organizations should be separate, it is the feeling of this Headquarters that General de Sevin's organization, which, as you state, is only interested in North West Italy, might better be attached to the Headquarters of the unit commanding North West Italy. In this way it could continue on with No. 2 District when command passes.
6. It will be appreciated if you will discuss this again with General de Sevin to see if it is not possible to operate through the 5me Bureau.

Nelson W. Monfort
NELSON W. MONFORT
Colonel, G.S.C.
A. C. of S., G-5

Copy to:
G-5, AFHQ.
15th Army Group.
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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394

Ref: 300.4

28 April 1945

APR 28 Recd

SUBJECT: Travel Orders.

TO : All concerned.

1. The following named officers and civilian, French Military Mission, Allied Commission, are attached to Regions as indicated and will proceed without delay on a permanent change of station to assume duties with Property Control Division of respective Region.

Capt. VAN LAETHEN
Lieut. DAUBREE

ATTACHED TO:
Piemonte Region
Piemonte Region

Capt. FOUCHET
S/Lt. DIDIER
Lieut. ANSEL
Mr. Mingalon

Lombardia Region
Lombardia Region
Lombardia Region
Lombardia Region

Capt. DAMOLINI
Capt. CLARENCE

Liguria Region
Liguria Region

2. Rations will be provided for eight (8) men for three (3) days.
3. Travel by government motor transport is authorized.

BY COMMAND OF REAR ADMIRAL STONE:

Nick P. Pombino
NICHOLAS POMBINO
CWO, USA
Asst Adjutant

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Tel: 735

Ref: 572/14/40.

28 April 1945.

SUBJECT: French interests in the North.

TO : Civil Affairs Section (for Displaced Persons & Repat. & C)
Economic Section (for Chief Financial Advisor)

1. Attached are copies of letters dated 20 April and 26 April 1945 from the French Representative and copy of this HQ letter dated 28 April to G-5 Section, 15 Army Group.

2. As a matter of urgency, both Displaced Persons and Repatriation Sub-Commission and the Chief Financial Advisor have been given copies of the letters from the French Representative and it is understood that both Sub-Commissions are giving full cooperation to General de Sevin with a view to the immediate despatch of French officers to their appropriate Regions.

Major E. Tabor

Chief Staff Officer,
To Executive Commissioner.

Encl:
as above

Copy to: Liguria Region.
Lombardia Region.
Piemonte Region.

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Tel: 735

Ref: 572/14/90.

28 April 1945.

SUBJECT: French interests in the North.

TO : Civil Affairs Section (for Displaced Persons & Repat. R/C)
Economic Section (for Chief Financial Advisor)

1. Attached are copies of letters dated 20 April and 26 April 1945 from the French Representative and copy of this R/C letter dated 28 April to G-5 Section, 15 Army Group.

2. As a matter of urgency, both Displaced Persons and Repatriation Sub-Commission and the Chief Financial Advisor have been given copies of the letters from the French Representative and it is understood that both Sub-Commissions are giving full cooperation to General de Sevin with a view to the immediate despatch of French officers to their appropriate Regions.

Major J. J. J.

Chief Staff Officer,
To Executive Commissioner.Incl:
as aboveCopy to: Liguria Region.
Lombardia Region.
Piemonte Region.

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ROUTINE

CONFIDENTIAL PD

SUBJECT IS FRENCH INTERESTS IN THE NORTH PD

PAREN TO ARRIVE FOR GEORGE FIVE FROM HQ ALCON CITY AGREE PAREN

REQUEST RECEIVED FROM THE FRENCH REPRESENTATIVE ALCON TO TAKE ACTIVE PART IN
 PAREN AREA PAREN WATCHING OVER INTERESTS OF FRENCH REFUGEES AND EX PRISONERS
 EXPECTED TO BE FOUND IN THE NORTH CMA PAREN BAKER PAREN ASSISTING IN PROPERTY
 CONTROL IN CONNECTION WITH FRENCH PROPERTY PD IT WAS AGREED IN PRINCIPLE THAT
 FRENCH OFFICERS COULD BE ATTACHED TO RESPECTIVE SUB COMMISSIONS IN REGIONS BUT IN
 REGARD TO EX PRISONERS OF WAR CMA FRENCH REPRESENTATIVE WAS INVITED TO APPROACH
 FOR PERMISSION TO ATTACH OFFICERS TO APPROPRIATE BRANCH OF AFHQ PD

PARA TWO PD FRENCH REPRESENTATIVE REQUESTED ALSO TO BE ALLOWED TO ESTABLISH
 SMALL FORWARD BUNKER TO SUPERVISE FRENCH ACTIVITIES AND ADMINISTRATION WHICH
 WAS AGREED AND SUGGESTED THAT IT BE ATTACHED TO GEORGE FIVE ^{CMA} ONE FIVE ARMY GROUP
 WHOSE APPROVAL IS NOW BEING SOUGHT PD

PARA THREE PD ABOVE FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Office of Exec. Commissioner

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Tel: 478201

Ref: 572/12/80.

28 April 1945.

SUBJECT: French interests in the North.

TO : G-5 Section, 15 Army Group. *Min 6*

1. With reference to my 572/6/80 dated 25 April 1945, copy to you, this HQ has been approached by the French Representative AG for permission to assist in the furtherance of French interests in the North. These interests mainly concern:

- (a) watching over the welfare of French refugees,
- (b) assisting in the work of property control as it affects French property.

To carry out these tasks it is proposed to make available three small teams, each consisting of three or four officers and four or five CR's which would be located at GENOA, TURIN and MILAN. This arrangement is considered desirable as there are problems which will arise affecting French interests and with French representatives on the spot they will be capable of prompt solution.

2. The proposal has, therefore, been agreed to in principle, the teams to be attached to the appropriate Regions and under the general direction of the respective Sub-Commissions. It has also been made clear that the French teams would only enter liberated territory with the Regional Headquarters, when they are called forward.

3. Your consent is required to one proposal which has been made. The French Representative, General de Sevin, desires to establish a small forward echelon of two or three officers, probably commanded by himself, to supervise the activities and administration of his teams in the North and it occurs to me that this request could be met by attaching this echelon to G-5, 15 Army Group. Assuming you see no objection to this it would be necessary later on, of course, to make a similar arrangement with No. 2 District.

M. S. LUSH *See 21*

Copy to: French Representative
G-5, AFHQ.
Liguria Region
Lombardia Region
Piemonte Region
Civil Affairs Section
Economic Section

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.*BOX 5*
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Tel: 478201

28 April 1945.

Ref: 572/11/20.

SUBJECT: French interests in the North.

TO : Major General L. de Mevin,
French Representative, Allied Commission.

1. With reference to your letters of 20 and 26 April 1945 and confirming our conversation, the Commission is very glad to place facilities at your disposal for the purpose of watching over your interests in the North of ITALY and the matter of refugees of French nationality and French property. I understand that arrangements for the attachment of your officers to Sub-Commissions and despatching them to the appropriate Regional Headquarters are in hand to your satisfaction.
2. It is understood that your teams whilst attached to Regions will be under the general direction of the officers of the appropriate Sub-Commission, viz: property control - Finance Sub-Commission; refugees - Displaced Persons and Repatriation Sub-Commission.
3. Regarding your suggestion on the desirability of maintaining a small forward echelon to carry out the general supervision of the activities and administration of your staff in the North, I have written to Hq 15 Army Group for approval and as soon as I have received this I will let you know.
4. In your letter of 20 April you mention also preparations for the re-opening of Consular Offices and as I explained to you, such arrangements would follow the course pursued in SICILY and later on the Mainland.
5. With regard to the handling of released French prisoners of war, I recommend that you approach AFHQ, requesting that you attach officers for this purpose to the appropriate branch of AFHQ.
6. These arrangements will, I am sure, be mutually satisfactory. I am asking Regional Commissioners to give you all the cooperation they can.

M. S. LUSH

Brigadier.
Executive Commissioner

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the French Representative
APO 394

Rome, April 26th, 1945.
IS/SA n° 2.096

To : EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER

APR 26 RECD

Subject : North West Planning.

- 1.- In reference to our conversation of April 25th concerning the considerable French problems that will arise upon liberation in North West Italy (French industrial property and French Nationals) your suggestion of attaching French Officers to the different Sub-Commissions A.C. to enable them to work and collaborate with the A.C. and I.I.G. Officers assigned to the North seems most satisfactory.
- 2.- In full agreement with Mr COUVS de MORVILLE, these Officers, if they are agreeable to you, have been designated as follows:

Attached to "Property Control Sub-Commission"

- = Capitaine FOUCHET (earmarked for ILAN)
- = Mr. MINAISON, (earmarked for ILAN)
- = S/Lt DIDIER (earmarked for ILAN)
- = Lt DAUBREE (earmarked for TURIN)
- = Capitaine BAROLINI (earmarked for GENAS)
- = ~~Commandant BENEDETTI (earmarked for GENAS)~~

Attached to "Displaced Persons Sub-Commission"

- = Commandant BENEDETTI (earmarked for GENAS)
- = Aspirant AUCAL (earmarked for ILAN)
- = Capitaine VAN LETHAM (earmarked for TURIN)
- = Capitaine CLARENCE (earmarked for GENAS)

- 3.- If necessary, I will provide Officers to be attached to the A.C. Representative with H.Q. N° 2 District and the D.C.C.A.C. 15th Army Group.
- 4.- As soon as the specialized Senior Officer I have requested from Paris reports here it might be advisable that he should be attached to Colonel FINDLAY's Adv. H.Q. in order to study the problem of eventual arrival in Northern Italy of great

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APR 25 1945

Ref: 376.2/30(L)

24 April 1945

SUBJECT: French Interests in Northern Italy

TO : Lt. Colonel Friend-Jones
Assistant D.C.C.A.O.
Headquarters 15th Army Group

1. The liberation of Northern Italy will cause a great increase in the French interests, and with this in view, the French Representative on the Allied Commission has asked that certain French personnel may be allowed to proceed to points in Northern Italy as soon as circumstances permit.

2. The French Representative states that two problems present themselves. The first is the recovery of French property and relief to French prisoners and deported persons in Northern Italy. For this purpose the French would like to send as soon as possible:

To Genoa: Captain Vuchet and
Captain Rosolini;

To Turin: Captain Van Lathem
Lieutenant Dubreux
Corporal Godeau;

To Milan: A Consular Agent, (not yet appointed)
Mr. Mingalon
Aspirant Noel
Aspirant Bidier

Each of these Missions would also have a non-commissioned officer and four or five soldiers. Their task would be:

a. To look after French refugees and prisoners in these regions, in agreement with Displaced Persons and Repatriation Sub-Commission;

b. To facilitate the work of property control in respect of French property; and

c. To prepare for the re-opening of Consular Offices. They would use military transport, and the French Command would issue their supplies, at least during the early days.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the French Representative
APO 394

Rome, April 26th, 1945.
XS/34 n° 2.096

To : EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER

APR 26 RECD

Subject : North West Planing.

- 1.- In reference to our conversation of April 25th concerning the considerable French problems that will arise upon liberation in North West Italy (French industrial property and French Nationals) your suggestion of attaching French Officers to the different Sub-Commissions A.C. to enable them to work and collaborate with the A.C. and I. .C. Officers assigned to the North seems most satisfactory.
- 2.- In full agreement with Mr COUVE de MURVILLE, these Officers, if they are agreeable to you, have been designated as follows:

Attached to "Property Control Sub-Commission"

- = Capitaine FOUCHET (earmarked for MILAN)
- = Mr. RINGALON, (earmarked for MILAN)
- = S/Lt DIDIER (earmarked for MILAN)
- = Lt DAUBRES (earmarked for TURIN)
- = Capitaine MARCOLINI (earmarked for GENES)
- = ~~Commandant BENEDETTI (earmarked for GENES)~~

Attached to "Displaced Persons Sub-Commission"

- = Commandant BENEDETTI (earmarked for GENES)
- = Aspirant ANGELI (earmarked for MILAN)
- = Capitaine VAN LEEUWEN (earmarked for TURIN)
- = Capitaine CLARKEUS (earmarked for GENES)

- 3.- If necessary, I will provide Officers to be attached to the A.C. Representative with H.Q. N° 3 District and the D.C.C.A.C. 15th Army Group.
- 4.- As soon as the specialized Senior Officer I have requested from Paris reports here it might be advisable that he should be attached to Colonel KIMBLEY Adv. H.Q. in order to study the problem of eventual arrival in Northern Italy of great

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.... numbers of French Deportees and Prisoners.

5.- It would be appreciated if the above French Officers assigned to the North could get their travel orders as soon as possible and be told where to report as the French Government is very anxious that no time should be lost in taking care of the French interests./.



X. de SEVIN, Major General,
French Representative.

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APR 25 1945

Ref: 376.2/30(L)

31 April 1945

SUBJECT: French Interests in Northern Italy

TO : Lt. Colonel Friend-Jessop
Assistant D.C.C.A.C.
Headquarters 15th Army Group

1. The liberation of Northern Italy will cause a great increase in the French interests, and with this in view, the French Representative on the Allied Commission has asked that certain French personnel may be allowed to proceed to points in Northern Italy as soon as circumstances permit.

2. The French Representative states that two problems present themselves. The first is the recovery of French property and relief to French prisoners and deported persons in Northern Italy. For this purpose the French plan and would like to send as soon as possible:

To Genoa: Captain Bonchet and
Captain Bonelini;

To Turin: Captain Van Lathem
Lieutenant Dubreuc
Corporal Godson;

To Milan: A Consular Agent, (not yet appointed)
Mr. Mingalon
Aspirant Noel
Aspirant Bidier

Each of these Missions would also have a non-commissioned officer and four or five soldiers. Their task would be:-

a. To look after French refugees and prisoners in these regions, in agreement with Displaced Persons and Repatriation Sub-Commission;

b. To facilitate the work of property control in respect of French property; and

c. To prepare for the re-opening of Consular Offices. They would use military transport, and the French Command would issue their supplies, at least during the early days.

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3. The second problem is the evacuation and transit of French prisoners and deported persons coming from Austria. Information from a reliable source, which the Displaced Persons and Repatriation Sub-Commission has been able to verify, leads the French Representative to believe that there will be a large flow of French prisoners and deported persons through Northern Italy as soon as circumstances permit. For this purpose the French Government has prepared a Mission, and it is proposed to send to Mr. de Vial, Head of the Mission to the Displaced Persons and Repatriation Sub-Commission, a Colonel and an Assistant, who would occupy themselves in particular with French affairs in Northern Italy. In addition, according to the size of the flow of French prisoners and deported persons, a certain number of French Officers, about 50, would be sent to join the Head of the French Mission in Northern Italy.

4. You are requested to ask the approval of 15th Army Group, in principle, to the proposal of the French Representative. Travel orders would then be issued to the above French personnel when the moment is suitable.

5. The French Representative states that he would travel north himself and co-ordinate personally the activities of all missions.

W. J. May
 Officer-in-Charge
 Liaison Division

Copies to: Chief Commissioner
 Executive Commissioner

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Translation

Office of the French Representative
J.C. M.G.

Room, 20 April 1945
J.C. M.G. n. 2.08

General L. de LAFITE
French representative to the
Allied Commission in Italy

to

Generalillery M. STOL
Chief Commissioner - Allied Commission

APR 21 RECD

The liberation of North Italy means for France several important problems which require an immediate preparation.

1 Problem: recuperation of property and relief to French prisoners & deported persons in North Italy.

Mr. STOL de LAFITE would like to send us as soon as possible:

to LAFITE: Captain FOUCHET and
Captain BENOIST

to STOL: Captain VAN LINDT
Lieutenant BENOIST
Corporal BENOIST

to STOL: a commander agent, not yet appointed
Mr. BENOIST
Lieutenant BENOIST
Aspirant BENOIST

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Each of these missions would also dispose of a non commissioned officer and of 4 or 5 soldiers.

Their mission would be:

- to look after the French refugees and prisoners in these regions, in agreement with the Displaced Persons and Refugees Sub-Commission;
- to facilitate the work of property control for what concerns French property;
- to prepare the future re-opening of consular offices.

They would dispose of military transports, and the French command would assure their supplies, during the first days at least.

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End Problem: evacuation and transit of French prisoners and deported persons coming from Austria.

Information from a reliable source, which the displaced persons Sub-Commission has been able to verify and which I have discussed with it, makes us believe that there will be a very strong current of French prisoners and deported persons through North Italy, as soon as this will be made possible by circumstances.

The French Government proposes a mission to this effect, and thinks of sending, as soon as possible, to M. de Vial, head of the French mission for displaced persons, a Colonel, helped by an assistant, who would be especially entrusted with the affairs concerning North Italy.

According to the importance of the current which will be established through North Italy, a certain number of French officers, about 50, could be sent to join the proposed team of mission, in North Italy.

To avoid a delay which would prejudice French interests, it would be a good thing if the allied authorities could assign some persons to the above mentioned persons who have been appointed to deal with problem n. 1, and also ask the regional authorities to finish with, as far as possible, the task of the various parties.

Since I shall have the pleasure of seeing M. de Vial's office for North Italy, I will let you know, as soon as possible, the request to M.F.B.G. by Ambassador to arrive immediately.

I mean to go with M.F.B.G.'s advanced column in the north and co-ordinate personally the activities of the heads of this last n. 1 and 2.

M. de Vial
Major General

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ACTION: Liaison Div

INFO: Chief Comm

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