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FRENCH ACTIVITIES, NW ITALY
MAR. - JUNE 1945

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to P.M. C.C. by
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Executive Commissioner

Please See Folios 3-14

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Very brief summary of AFHQ "Census Report"

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Please see 55 & 56

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Chief Commissioner

PP 56 58 for information

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Chief Commissioner

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Page 28 refers.

attached is submitted for your information/attention/consideration.

May I have for purposes of record a memo in your interview with Gen. de Saven.

30 175/11/7
F.C. Gave him digest of SITREPS. Urged him representing to his Govt our concerns. He said he would EAD.

Chief Commissioner.

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15th May 1945.

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This reply frankly avoids the real facts of the situation. No such reply would satisfy the Italian Government (let alone your Regional Commissioners in the north) and, in my opinion, it would be unwise to deliver the message even on demand. The facts are that the French show no disposition to remove their political and administrative control. Draft reply attached.

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M.C.

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See also (of file) telegram to Gen. de Sen

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Gen. de Sen

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

Tel: 489031-686

AO/14050/ES

11 June 1945

11 JUN 1945

SUBJECT : Captain Henri Clairval - Chief
of the French Delegation at Bolzano.

TO : Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

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1. The Allied Commission acknowledges receipt of the copies of the two documents concerning the activities of Captain Clairval which were sent under the cover of your memorandum dated 31 May 1945.
2. Investigation into this affair will be initiated immediately and every effort will be made to assist in the recovery of the Prefettura funds.
3. You will be advised of any information developed as result of the investigation.

John W. Chapman

JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, J.A.G.D.
Director, Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

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Copy to Executive Commissioner.

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HEADQUARTERS IV CORPS
APO 364, U. S. Army

Confidential
6 June 1945

9 JUN 1945

SUBJECT: Transmittal of Correspondence

TO: Rear Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Headquarters Allied Commission
APO 394, U. S. Army

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At the request of Brigadier Lush, there is trans-
mitted herewith for your information copies of cor-
respondence between Colonel D'Osta and the Provincial
Commissioner, Aosta.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

C. H. Hance
C. H. HANCE
Colonel, GSC
Deputy Chief of Staff

- 3 Incls
- #1 - Ltr dtd 31 May to Prov. Comm. Aosta from Col. Vallette D'Osta, French Mil. Gov., Aosta.
 - #2 - Ltr dtd 1 June to Col. D'Osta from Prov. Comm. Aosta.
 - #3 - Ltr dtd 1 June to Reg. Comm. Piemonte Region from Prov. Comm., Aosta.

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
ACOSTA PROVINCE

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TO: Colonel VALLATTE D'USIA, Provincial Building, ACOSTA.

FROM: Provincial Commissioner, ACOSTA Province.

SUBJECT: Local Government.

REF: PR/AG/L/SID

DATE: 1 June 45.

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Reference your letter dated 31 May, for which I thank you.

Regarding your para 1, I appreciate the fact that, as Military Commander, the local political feelings do not interest you, any more than they do me. I was however under the impression that the French Foreign Minister, M. Georges Bidault, has declared that France had no territorial ambitions, and that therefore the French Government had in fact defined its attitude.

Regarding your para 2, I am glad to be able to clarify the situation a little. Though they may not have treated the Valaisian question in particular, by recent authoritative announcements the Governments of the United States and Great Britain have made it known that they do not favour a revision of territorial boundaries before the Peace Conference. As for my own position as representative of Allied Military Government I take the liberty of quoting from Allied Military Government of Occupied Territory Proclamation No 1 (revised), copy of which I sent to Lt. Col. de Gilbert on my arrival here. Part I, Article II of said Proclamation states "All persons in the occupied territory.....must refrain from all acts of violence and from any act calculated to disturb public order in any way". Further Article III states.....your existing laws will remain in force and effect except in so far as it may be necessary for him (Field Marshal Alexander) in the discharge of his duties as Commander in Chief Allied Armies in Italy and as Military Governor, to change or supersede them by proclamation or order by him or under his direction". Finally, Article VII states... Any person who violates or has violated any provision of Italian law may be brought to trial before an Allied Military Court and, on conviction, may be punished as provided by such law".

If therefore I find that it is necessary in the interests of law and order in the province to arrest any Italian subject who has violated Italian law I am entitled to do so and proceed against him in accordance with such law. But I should naturally deeply regret if the prestige of France felt itself impugned by the notion of any Italian on Italian soil.

A.E. SCHILL
MAJOR Inc. Corps
Provincial Commissioner
ACOSTA Province.

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
AOSTA PROVINCE

JUN 8 1945
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TO : Regional Commissioner, HQ AIG Piemonte Region.
FROM : Provincial Commissioner, AOSTA PROVINCE.
SUBJECT : Pro-annexation Poster.
REF : PR/AO/2/SRC.
DATE : 1 June 1945

Reference my PR/AO/2/SRC of 31 May 1945.

This morning I received the enclosed letter from Colonel Vallette D'OSIA, who I observe, calls himself French Military Governor of the Aoste Valley. I replied as in the letter I also inclose.

The final paragraph of Colonel D'OSIA's letter strikes me as very serious, in that it implies a threat to Allied Military Government to proceed against Italian subjects according to law. It will only be necessary for some French sympathizer to declare himself under the protection of France for the French to intervene and claim that the prestige of France would be affected by any action against the man.

There is a case in point, of a certain PAVONE Giuseppe of Courmayeur who is suspected of distributing clandestine pamphlets. Some time ago he left Courmayeur and returned in the uniform of a French soldier. In view of Colonel D'OSIA's statement there is no doubt that any attempt to arrest PAVONE would be construed as an attack on the prestige of France.

This morning Colonel HUGHES, Deputy Chief of Staff, IV Corps was here and I showed him Colonel D'OSIA's letter.

AMH/CP.

A. B. SOWELL.
Major Inf Corps.
Provincial Commissioner,
AOSTA PROVINCE.

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DETACHMENT OF THE ARMY OF THE ALPS

27 Alpine Division

11 May 1945

P.O. Avant Lager

From: Colonel VALLETTS D'OSTIA
French Military Governor of the Valley of AOSTATo: Major HOWELL,
Chief of AMG in AOSTA.

Reference your visit of the evening of 30 May, you were kind enough to show me yesterday a Valdostan poster, demanding the uniting of the Val d'Aosta to France, and you asked me my opinion of it.

I have the honor to send you my opinion on the following three points:-

1. I told you that the sentiments of the Valdostians are a purely Valdostian affair and that as my Government has not taken a line in the affair, it was not up to me to take any part in the matter.

I confirm this attitude.

2. You told me that you would no doubt have to find and probably arrest a certain number of individuals as a result of this discovery.

I expressed my surprise to you and I repeat it since the Allies of which you are the representative have not yet stated their attitude. You led me to suppose that you are working in the place of the Italian Government.

I will be glad if you will tell me if this is really your belief.

3. In the instructions which I received on my departure, and which were communicated to the Allied Command I read:

"Not to permit the very least attack on the prestige of France."

It seems clear to me that, if any Valdostian, owing to political persecution, should place himself under French protection, I should be bound, under the last paragraph to accord him in assistance. I consider it necessary to warn you of this so as to avoid the possibility of any incident arising.

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Translation of French Letter

By of the Army of the Alps

30 May 1945

From the Army Corps General
DOYEN, GOC, Detachment of the
Army of the Alps.

TO: General Commanding IV US
Army Corps, Milan

On 25 May 1945 Col. MARSHALL, Chief of ARGOT of PIEDMONT, made the following declarations to two officers of the 1st DNI who came to liaison with him at TURIN.

I have received orders to establish Allied administration over the whole of PIEDMONT up to the French frontier. This has already been done in the valley of AOSTA and the whole of the Province of TURIN, including the valley of SUSAS; I am now about to set up administration in the Province of CUNEO.

After having expressed his indignation of what is going on at TENDE and BRIGA MARITIMA, Col. MARSHALL concluded: "In any event I shall do what is necessary to carry out the orders which I receive, till I am dead or relieved."

I have the honor to bring to your notice the arguments which from the basis of the position assumed by the French Government in the cases of the occupation of Italian territory and the administration of the occupied territory of the Province of CONI.

1. The following are the victorious operations carried out at the request of 15 Army Group: the Detachment of the Army of the Alps, after stiff engagements across the French frontier 26 Apr 45 on the heels of the defeated enemy and carried out the occupation of certain territories in Italy; this occupation would indeed have been very much considerable if the Detachment of the Army of the Alps had not been stopped in its forward march by a definite order of the inter-Allied high command in Italy: This order was obeyed in spite of the severe sacrifices suffered during the attack.

2. In the first place the continuation of this occupation is justified:

a. After the declaration of war of Italy on France on 10 June 1940, under circumstances which are still fresh in everybody's memory,

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Italy quite simply annexed French territory occupied at that moment; on the 11th of Nov 1943 in violation of all international conventions she extended her zone of occupation over a considerable part of French territory not conquered by her armies where she has left the very worst remembrances.

b. From a juridical point of view, no written document has up to now put an end to the state of war existing between France and Italy: France cannot consider herself bound by the armistice of 1943 to which she was not a party.

c. Moreover, up to the very last minute Italian Fascist divisions fought against French troops on the frontier of the Alps and bitterly defended positions which constituted a menace to certain French valleys. From these arguments, and particularly from the last, it becomes necessary for France to assure her own security to occupy Italian territories which she has conquered until the peace, and in particular, in the maritime Alps. Events of the last war proved that this security cannot be assured except on the key points of the Alps.

3. Following the advance of units of the Detachment of the Army of the Alps, the populations living in the valley of NOIA have turned towards France and have requested that they be fed and administered by her. They lacked everything and reduced to desperate straits, especially in the region of VESTIGLIA. Since the beginning of the month of May, we alone have been feeding and administering this small territory without the very slightest unpleasantness occurring with the population.

4. France, therefore, cannot consent that any modification be carried out in existing state of things in the maritime Alps against her will: it would be against her honor and safety. I have received orders from the Provisional Government of the French Republic to occupy and administer this territory: Since this mission is incompatible with the setting up of any Allied administration of the same region, I am obliged to oppose it.

Any instance upon setting up (AEG trans) would take on a definite anti-friendly character, indeed even hostile, and might have severe consequences.

(Signed)

DOYAN

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

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1st Comm

Originator's Reference: 1782
Date/Time of Origin: JUNE 30 1945

Message Centre No: 5/1225
Date/Time Rec'd: JUNE 06 0830Z
Precedence: 01 PRIORITY

FROM: 17 10025 140
TO: 01 3 1707, 18 1707, 19 1707, 20 1707, 21 1707, 22 1707, 23 1707, 24 1707, 25 1707, 26 1707, 27 1707, 28 1707, 29 1707, 30 1707

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2-3: Unpublished report that numerous French "tourists" gathering IVREA & 2271 were being investigated. Reconnaissance revealed old road between IVREA & 2271 and 2271, 2271 & 2271. French party in ACETA night of 7 June in eve of working up line to disband. Party visited by Frenchmen went up in 1st line no serious consequences. Unpublished "Voices of Peace ACETA" published in FRANCE and also United ACETA in anti-French interpretation. French report anti-French of Denzies Bureau noted 7-10 in ACETA has arrived in ACETA. New Italian propaganda poster in ACETA states while Italians recognize democratic ideals of FRANCE, ITALY must to carry out own democratic ideals.

3-3: Report of French propaganda rush of French officers being appointed to AMB in ACETA under investigation. Meeting in ACETA 4-5 June open to all political parties called to active action to be taken against French propaganda - Liberal, Action Party, Social Party, Communist and Socialist representatives attended. Document

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not in favor of extradition to and sent to Italian Government
in Rome (copy of document attached to this No.). ITALIAN Case Number
21444 number 3) sentenced to 7 years and 10 months of imprisonment.
(Prisoner 21444 number 3) sentenced to 7 years and 10 months of imprisonment.

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- Info-action - Case 2
- Info - Chief Supervisor
- CA Section
- Room 200
- FOIA (4)
- FOIA (7)
- File

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

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Ex Comm.

Originator's Reference: 1734
Date/Time of Origin: JUNE 07 1945

Message Centre No: 7/1001
Date/Time Rec'd: JUNE 08 0930
Precedence: OF PRIORITY

FROM: IN COMBAT
TO: JUNE 10 1945, 1 AM, 1000

HEADQUARTERS 8 JUN 1945

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Transmitted: JUNE 7 TO 071000Z JUNE.

1. 2: 5 South African Div reports 1-French in ADRA plain
fight to protect the French Embassy in Italian soil. 2-French
and British divisions French in ADRA area then
have clearance granted. Our operations of progress in ADRA
JUNE 7th 1945 will be about 3 June.

32 Div reports French Division believed to be in ADRA
departed 2 weeks ago unknown destination. 3. 3: 1st Bn 158 Inf
arrived ADRA 15 0720 approx 07 200 716300 in command order
3 ADRA to send Bn to that area. Trip uneventful. 2nd Bn 158 Inf
moving 8 June ADRA 3 0271 to SALVADO 11 0504.

3. 5: Colonel M. F. HALL reports Allied Military Court officers
in ADRA have been requested not to function but are remaining in
ADRA pending further decision. Colonel JORDAN 158th Infantry
reports good and no change in 7 June ADRA working and friendly
relations. Italian named IANIGLI arrested by Provost 27 Div for
supplying French captured weapons taken into FRANCE for judgment
abandoning last aimed at securing security French troops. Partisans
first and arrested reprisals. Provincial Commissioner endeavoring
secure trial by M. F. to alleviate unrest.

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INCOMING MESSAGE *4 Comd* *(89)*

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Originator's Reference: 1758

Message Centre No: 2/4019

Date/Time of Origin: JUNE 080630Z

Date/Time Rec'd: JUNE 080925

Precedence:

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FROM: IV CORPS AMB

TO: 5TH ARMY, 15 ARMY GROUP, AFHQ, ALCOM.

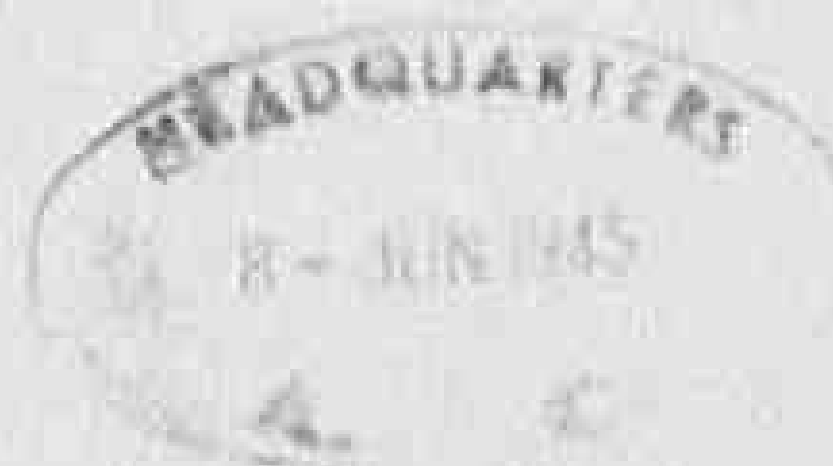
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23: 1 UN, 150 INF closed VLD 18-DA at 071730Z. (Frontier sitrep No 7 to 080600Z June).

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Exp. Comm.

Originator's Reference: 1456
Date/Time of Origin: JUNE 080010Z

Message Centre No: E. 4095
Date/Time Rec'd: JUNE 08.830
Precedence: OP-PRIORITY

FROM: 17 CORPS AND
TO: 5TH ARMY, 15 ARMY GROUP, AFHQ, ALGERIA.

9 JUN 1945

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51: 18 RI have actually relieved 4 RDE in STUBA Valley. 4 RDE
examining in 12th and leaving for PARIS today to parade there 118.
The elements of 1 DSE left in sector. 17 RI has been put in command
of several groupment 125 THING. 14 RI with 1257 is at 12505 STUBA
and completing relief of 18 RDE. Expect this relief to be completed on
9 June. No armor in sector with exception of a Platoon of light tanks
at 12505 34973. 29 RDE no change. 57 RI is still in CAMBES. 15
RDE with 2 Battalions at ST MARTIN-7 STUBA 1612. There are no
reinforcements. All units full strength according to R/O dated July
1943. 29 RDE is slightly understrength. (Frontier strip No 6 to 872400
1125) Vre French in Officer Lieut DU BREL.

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AME LASSARDIA REGION

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7 June 1945

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POLITICAL PARTY DISCUSSIONS CONTINUE WITH NO RPT NO PROSPECT OF EARLY
CONCLUSION PD

PARTY TO ASSESS NEWS CIRCLES LASSARDIA REGION FOR POLITICI FOR DISCUSSION
FROM NO ALONE FROM HALFORD PART

HAVING AGREED ON GOVERNMENT PROGRAMME PARTS WHICH IS FUSION OF MILAN
AGREEMENT AND SIX PARTY DECLARATION ON CHARLES LOVE HAS PARTS CMA
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BEST FAVOURITES FOR PRESIDENCY YET BONINI IS STILL IN THE RUNNING PD
BONINI SEEMS NOW TO HAVE WON SUPPORT OF LIBERALS AND LABOUR DEMOCRATS
IN ADDITION TO COMMUNISTS AND ACTION PARTY CMA BUT DE GASPERI ALSO HAS
AMPLE SUPPORT FROM HIS OWN PARTY AND SOME LIBERAL ELEMENTS PD
SARAGAT IS HERE AND IS TAKING PART IN DISCUSSIONS BUT IS APPARENTLY NOT
RUNNING FOR PRESIDENCY PD

TWO PD NO RPT NO GUIDANCE YET RECEIVED FROM CHARLES CHARLES SUGAR ON
FRENCH POSITION IN NORTH WEST ITALY

Copy for information to Political Adviser (Br)

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Office of the Executive Commissioner

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Lt. Col.
Chief Staff Officer.

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Tel: 735

Ref: 581/86/80.

7 June 1945.

SUBJECT: Captain Henri CLAIRVAL - Chief of the French
Delegation at BOLAND.

TO : Civil Affairs Section.

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1. Attached hereto is memorandum from the Ministry for Foreign Affairs, 6/1525/700 dated 31 May 1945, together with the documents to which it refers.
2. Will you please cause the activities of Captain Clairval to be investigated and to send an interim reply to the Ministry for Foreign Affairs. The report when received should be submitted to this office.

Th Chief Staff Officer,
To Executive Commissioner.

Incl:
as above

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Subject: Capitaine Henri CLAIRVAL - Chief of the French Delegation at Bolzano.

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The Italian Government believe that Captain Clairval had no legitimate claim to the funds of the Prefettura and that his action was therefore both arbitrary and unwarranted.

3. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs will be therefore very grateful if the Allied Commission will kindly interest the proper Authorities in obtaining that Captain Clairval return to the Prefettura of Bolzano the aforesaid funds.

Rome, 31st. May, 1945



Ministero degli Affari Esteri

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ALLIED COMMISSION

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MAY 7

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6/1525/400

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Rome, 31st. May, 1945

Encl.



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République Française
Délégation Française

Bolzano, le 12 Mai 1945

Le Capitaine Henri Clairval
Commandant la Délégation Française
à Bolzano

à Monsieur le Préfet De Angelis
Préfecture de Bolzano

J'ai été présenté à vous le Jeudi 3 Mai 1945, à la Préfecture par l'ancien Préfet, Monsieur Tinzl. Je suis ici en Mission secrète envoyé, avec mon lieutenant, par le Gouvernement Français. Nous sommes tous les deux en contact journalier avec notre Gouvernement et le C.A.G. allié.

En conséquence, notre position ici en ce pays est très nette: nous venons en vainqueurs et en occupants.

Tous les jours, mon personnel et moi-même, nous nous heurtons à des difficultés, souvent ridicules, de la part de vos services. Je tiens à vous prévenir que si cet état de choses devait se prolonger, je serais obligé de recourir, par l'intermédiaire de mon Gouvernement que je représente ici aux sanctions les plus sévères.

Si vous deviez avoir à faire quelques observations en réponse à la présente lettre, vous pourriez me trouver sur rendez-vous à mon C.O., Villa Ravanelli, 2 Via di Lana. Téléphone Nr. 36-15.

L'officier commandant la
Délégation Française à Bolzano

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TranslationFrench Republic
French Delegation

Bolzano, 12 May 1945

Captain Henry Clairval
Commander of the French Delegation
in Bolzanoto Prefect De Angelis
Prefecture of Bolzano

I was introduced to you on May 3rd, 1945, in the Prefecture by the former Prefect, Mr. Tinal. I am here on a secret mission, sent with my lieutenant, by the French Government. We both have daily contacts with our Government, and the allied H.Q.

Our position in this country is therefore perfectly clear: we come as victors and occupants.

Every day, my personnel and myself meet with difficulties, which are often ludicrous on the part of your services. I must tell you that if this goes on, I shall have to enforce the strictest sanctions, through the intermediary of my Government which I represent here.

If you have any observations to make in reference with this letter, you can make an appointment with me at my H.Q., Villa Ravanelli, 2 via di Lana. Telephone n. 36-15.

Officer commanding the
French Delegation in Bolzano

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Nell'atto di procedere alle consegne dell'amministrazione della Prefettura, la mattina del giorno 17 Maggio 1945 alle ore 13, il Prefetto uscente Dott. Carlo TINZI ha informato fra l'altro il Prefetto Dott. Bruno DE ANGELIS che il giorno 16 Maggio gli è stato presentato da due suoi conoscenti - di cui non ricorda per il momento il nome - un signore in borghese il quale si qualificò come Capitano dell'esercito francese CHAINVAL, Capo di una Delegazione francese, del servizio militare segreto, che si trovava da qualche tempo a Bolzano; la Delegazione si sarebbe poi manifestata come Delegazione ufficiale del Governo francese.

Il Dott. TINZI, avendo già avuto notizia della presenza in Bolzano di detta ufficiale, non aveva il minimo dubbio sulla legittimità della sua presenza in Prefettura.

L'utente in sua conversazione, il Dott. TINZI apprendeva che la Delegazione francese avrebbe partecipato con gli altri Comandi di alleati all'occupazione della zona, e che essa nutrive sentimenti benavoli verso la popolazione alleghese.

Fra l'altro, il Dott. TINZI informava allora l'ufficiale di aver sotto la propria personale responsabilità di alcune ore la cassa d'ufficio dell'alto Commissario ROYER, ammontante a L. 23.805.

52.10, secondo la distinta in calce.

Il Cap. CHAINVAL dichiarò al Dott. TINZI che la somma poteva essergli consegnata e che egli avrebbe informato il proprio Governo e gli altri Governi alleati e che la cosa sarebbe risultata perfettamente regolare; aggiunse che circa l'impiego dei fondi, avrebbe disposto il suo Governo.

Il Dott. TINZI predispose allora una ricevuta per regolarizzare la sua posizione e la consegna al Capitano CHAINVAL; quest'ultima lo ricevette e lo tratteneva avvertendo che avrebbe poi mandato una relazione ricevuta in francese. Questa ricevuta fino alle ore 14 del giorno 17 Maggio non è ancora stata mandata.

Su domanda del Dott. DE ANGELIS, il Dott. TINZI dichiara di non aver ricevuto credenziali di sorta al Cap. CHAINVAL e di avergli consegnato la somma senza presentazione da parte di lui di alcun documento che lo autorizzasse a incassare. Il Dott. DE ANGELIS fa osservare che in tal caso certamente la fiducia del Dott. TINZI doveva essere fondata sulla sua buona conoscenza delle persone

che ricorda per il momento

Capitano dell'esercito francese CLAIRVAL, Capo di una Delegazione francese, del servizio militare segreto, che si trovava da qualche tempo a Bolzano; la Delegazione si sarebbe poi manifestata come Delegazione ufficiale del Governo francese.

Il Dott. TINZI, avendo già avuto notizia della presenza in Bolzano di detto ufficiale, non aveva il minimo dubbio sulla legittimità della sua presenza in prefettura.

Durante la sua conversazione, il Dott. TINZI apprendeva che la Delegazione francese avrebbe partecipato con gli altri Comandi di alleati all'occupazione della zona, e che essa nutriveva sentimenti benevoli verso la popolazione alligera.

Tra l'altro, il Dott. TINZI informava allora l'ufficiale di aver sotto la propria personale responsabilità di alcune ore la cassa d'ufficio dell'Alto Commissario MORR, ammontante a L. 23.805. 253, 20, secondo la distinta in calce.

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Il Dott. TINZI predilesse allora una ricevuta per regolarizzare la sua posizione e la consegna al Capitano CLAIRVAL; quest'ultima lo ricevette e lo brattarono avvertendo che avrebbe poi mandato una regolare ricevuta in francese. Questa ricevuta fino alle ore 14 del giorno 17 Maggio non è ancora stata mandata.

Su domanda del Dott. DE ANTONIIS, il Dott. TINZI dichiara di non aver richiesto credenziali di sorta al Cap. CLAIRVAL e di avergli consegnato la somma senza senza presentazione da parte di lui di alcun documento che lo autorizzasse a incassare. Il Dott. DE ANTONIIS fa osservare che in tal caso certamente la fiducia del Dott. TINZI doveva anche essere fondata sulla garanzia della persona che accompagnava l'ufficiale, e di cui non ricorda per il momento il nome; egli domanda se dopo il 10 Maggio il Dott. TINZI ha incontrato altre volte tali persone. Il Dott. TINZI dichiara di averle certamente viste, essendo nella cerchia delle sue conoscenze, anche dopo, ma che non ricorda chi questa persona siano stato.

Il Dott. GILARDI chiede se il Dott. ALMON fosse una di queste persone. Il Dott. TINZI risponde che potrebbe anche darsi.

Su richiesta del Dott. GILARDI precisa che il signor ALMON conosceva l'esistenza della missione francese e personalmente il Cap. CLAIRVAL.

Il Dott. DE ANTONIIS desidera che sia messo nel presente verbale il fatto che il Dott. TINZI non ha dato notizia alcuna di qui

sopra esposto al Dott. CARLINO, ed al Dott. DI LIBERTI, ed ad alcuno dei Comandi o degli appartenenti ai Comandi allati, prima del momento presente. Il Dott. CARLINO dichiara che ritiene di aver operato lecitezza e in perfetta buona fede, nel senso che egli stesso intendeva liberare al più presto della responsabilità delle casse suddette, e in quanto l'ufficiale francese aveva dichiarato che egli avrebbe messo a posto ogni cosa.

Il Dott. CARLINO dichiara anche di aver richiesto qualche giorno fa al Cap. MAIVAL la ricevuta, e di aver avuto la ricevuta che avrebbe provveduto a mandargliela. Prende inoltre di non avere fatto prima comunicazione di tutto quanto sopra al Dott. CARLINO, perché parlava di un'occasione delle cose, che furono poi per ragioni varie ritenute più volte.

A domanda del Dott. CARLINO, il Dott. CARLINO dichiara che i vari crani già trovati in un sacco nella sua stanza quando ha ricevuto il Cap. MAIVAL, e che e li non ha controllato il contenuto del sacco effettuato la ricerca, e richiesta ancora al Dott. CARLINO, il Dott. CARLINO dichiara che il caso che il caselliere dell'ufficio di notte lo avesse informato dell'esistenza di tale nome e che egli lo avesse informato a conoscenza. Il prefetto vede che non ha ricordo esatto di tutto questo circostanza, alle quali non attribuisce importanza speciale.

Il presente verbale è stato redatto e sottoscritto dal Prefetto di Avellino alle scopo di stabilire le responsabilità individuali per quanto sopra esposto.

(Dott. Carlo TIRIL) Dr. Bruno DI AVELLINO Ferdinando MILANO
Prefetto uscente Prefetto in carica Prefetto incaricato

Dott. Giulio DELL'ALMA Carla CATTANI
Presidente di Cass. del Tribunale Segretario

Il Dott. CARLINO consegna al Dott. DI AVELLINO un biglietto che il Prefetto trasmette presso di sé; del quale risulta il seguente importo della somma:

contanti 3.475.317,50
aspetti 354.500,-
" 3.829.817,50

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che avrebbe provveduto a mandare la risposta
avere fatto prima comunicazione di tutto quanto sopra al Dott.
DE ANTONIO, perché pensava perlomeno in occasione delle conse-
gne, che furono poi per ragioni varie rimandate più volte.

A domanda del Dott. DE ANTONIO, il Dott. TITOL dichiara
che i valori erano già pronti in un pacco nella sua stanza quando
ha ricevuto il cap. CALABRILLO e che egli non ha controllato il
contenuto del pacco effettuando la consegna. A richiesta ancora
del Dott. DE ANTONIO, il Dott. TITOL dichiara che gli pare che il
cassiere dell'ufficio di Hofer lo avesse informato dell'esistenza
di tale somma e che egli lo avesse invitato a controllare.
Della precisa verità che non ha ricordo esatto di tutte queste cir-
costanze, alle quali non attribuisce importanza speciale.

Il presente verbale è stato in visione del Prefetto
DE ANTONIO allo scopo di stabilire le responsabilità individuali
per quanto sopra esposto.

(Dott. Carlo TITOL)
Prefetto uscente

Dr. Bruno DE ANTONIO Prefetto in carica
V. Prefetto uscente

Dott. Giulio DELL'ALMA
Presidente di Sez. del Tribunale

Carlo CATTANI
Segretario

Il Dott. TITOL consegna al Dott. DE ANTONIO un biglietto con il
prefetto trasmettere presso di sé; dal quale risulta il seguente
importo della somma:

contanti	3.400.317,80
assegni	354.970,-
"	11.045.240,70
	14.800.528,50

Translation

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As he was going to hand over the administration of the prefecture, on the morning of May 17th, 1945, at 13 hours, the departing prefect, Dr. Carlo TIMEL told prefect Dr. Bruno DE AUGELLIS that on May 1st, two people he knew, whose name he couldn't remember for the moment, introduced to him a gentleman in civilian clothes who said he was a Captain of the French army, CLAIRVAL, Chief of a French Delegation, of the intelligence service, that had been staying in Bolzano for some time; the delegation would then become an official delegation of the French Government.

Dr. TIMEL, who had already been informed of the presence of this officer in Bolzano, had no doubt about the legitimacy of his presence in the Prefecture.

During the interview, Dr. TIMEL learnt that the French Delegation was to participate in the occupation of the area with the other allied commands, and that it was well disposed towards the population.

Among other things, Dr. TIMEL told the officer that under his personal responsibility which was to last a few hours, he had the office funds of High Commissioner HORNER, amounting to L. 25.879.298,20, according to the list here below.

Capt. CLAIRVAL told Dr. TIMEL that the sum could be handed over to him and that he would inform his Government and the other Governments, and that the thing would be perfectly regular; he added that his Government would decide about the way in which the funds were to be used.

Dr. TIMEL prepared a receipt to regularize his position and the delivery to Capt. CLAIRVAL; the latter received him and detained him, telling him as would later on send him a regular receipt in French. At 14 hours of May 17th, this receipt had not yet been sent.

On the request of Dr. DE AUGELLIS, Dr. TIMEL stated he had not asked Capt. CLAIRVAL for his credentials and that he had handed him the funds without being shown any document proving that he was allowed to cash it. Dr. DE AUGELLIS points out that in this case, Dr. TIMEL's trust was certainly based on his knowledge of the people who were with the officer, and whose name he does not at present remember; he asks whether Dr. TIMEL met the said persons after May 1st. Dr. TIMEL states he has certainly seen them for they belong to the group of his acquaintances, but he does not remember who these people were.

Dr. GILARDI asks whether Dr. AMMON was one of these people. Dr. TIMEL answers that it might be so. On the request of Dr. GILARDI he states that Dr. AMMON knew the existence of the French mission, and Capt. CLAIRVAL personally.

to participate in the occupation of the area with the other allied commands, and that it was well disposed towards the population.

Among other things, Dr. TIMEL told the officer that under his personal responsibility which was to last a few hours, he had the office funds of High Commissioner HOFFER, amounting to L. 23,825,000,20, according to the list here below.

Capt. CLAIRVAL told D. TIMEL that the sum could be handed over to him and that he would inform his Government and the other Governments, and that the thing would be perfectly regular; he added that his Government would decide about the way in which the funds were to be used.

Dr. TIMEL prepared a receipt to regularize his position and the delivery to Capt. CLAIRVAL; the latter received him and detained him, telling him he would later on send him a regular receipt in French. At 11 hours of May 17th, this receipt had not yet been sent.

On the request of Dr. DE ANGELIS, Dr. TIMEL stated he had not asked Capt. CLAIRVAL for his credentials and that he had handed him the funds without being shown any document proving that he was allowed to cash it. Dr. DE ANGELIS points out that in this case, Dr. TIMEL's trust was certainly based on his knowledge of the people who were with the officer, and whose name he does not at present remember; he asks whether Dr. TIMEL met the said persons after May 1st. Dr. TIMEL states he has certainly seen them for they belong to the group of his acquaintances, but he does not remember who these people were.

Dr. GLIARDI asks whether Dr. AMON was one of these people. Dr. TIMEL answers that it might be so. On the request of Dr. GLIARDI he states that Dr. AMON knew the existence of the French mission, and Capt. CLAIRVAL personally.

Dr. DE ANGELIS asks to include in the present official report the fact that Dr. TIMEL didn't inform about the above mentioned facts either Dr. DE ANGELIS, or any of the commands or any members of the allied commands, before the present moment. Dr. TIMEL states that he feels he acted legitimately and in perfectly good faith, in the sense that he meant to get rid as soon as possible of the above mentioned sum, and because the French officer had said he was going to arrange everything.

Dr. TIMEL also states that a few days ago he asked Capt. CLAIRVAL for the receipt; he was told that the receipt would be sent to him. He also states that he didn't tell all this to Dr. DE ANGELIS for he meant to speak to him about it on handing over his powers, but for various reasons, this was several times postponed.

On the request of Dr. DE ANGELIS, Dr. TIMEL states that the funds were handed, prepared, in a package, in his room, when he received Capt. CLAIRVAL

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and that he didn't check the content of the package at the time of the delivery. Still on the request of Dr. DE ANGELIS, Dr. FIMILI states that he believes that the cashier of ROVER's office had told him that such a sum existed, and that he had asked him to hand it over to him. He states however that he does not remember all these circumstances very clearly, for he etc to be didn't think them particularly important.

The present official report has been made on the request of Prefect DE ANGELIS to establish individual responsibilities for what we have stated.

(Dr. Carlo FIMILI)
Departing Prefect

Dr. Bruno DE ANGELIS
Prefect in charge

Ferdinando GILARDI
V. Prefect Inspector

Dr. Giulio DELL'AIRA
Pres. of Sect. of the Court

Carla CORNATI
Secretary

Dr. FIMILI hands over to Dr. DE ANGELIS a note which the Prefect keeps and from which appears the following amount:

cash	3.405.517,50
orders	340.500, -
"	20.015.210,70
	23.805.356,20

Dr. TINDAL hands over to Dr. DE ARZULLI a note which the Prefect keeps and from which appears the following amount;

cash	3.405.517,50
orders	340.500,-
"	20.015.240,70

23.805.258,20

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APO 394

Office of the Executive Commissioner

5th June 1945.

Chief Staff Officer.

It is strongly recommended that a complete censorship of news on the French situation be imposed from the military point of view forthwith. This should be taken up with AFHQ and PRO.

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From AFHQ SIGNED ALEXANDER CITE PHCOT

To: AGWAR FOR COMBINED CHIEFS OF STAFF AND TO AMSSO FOR BRITISH CHIEFS OF STAFF RPTD SHAFY FWD, 15 ARMY GROUP PERSONAL FOR GENERAL GRUNTHNER, 8 ARMY PERSONAL FOR FIELD MARSHAL ALEXANDER, ALCOH FOR INFORMATION

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This is NAF 1002.

Further to NAF 966 and NAF 994.

1. Following events have taken place:

A. On 29 May Deputy Regional Commissioner of LIGURIA was refused permission by French local commander to post Allied Proclamations in western IMPERIA establishing AMG and was advised that General DOYEN, Commanding French Army of ALPS, was unable to envisage a change in administration in western IMPERIA at this juncture as any such change would appear to Italians as retreat on the part of FRANCE.

B. On 30 May General DOYEN sent a letter to General CRITTENBERGER Commanding IV CORPS referring to the action of the Deputy Regional Commissioner PIEMONTE in his attempts to establish military government in province of CUNEA. The letter outlines French justification for occupying northwest ITALY. Pertinent extracts from General DOYENS letter are:

- (1) FRANCE cannot consent that a modification against her will be made in the existing state of affairs in the MARITIME ALPS. This would be contrary to her honor and her security.

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- (2) I have been ordered by the Provisional Govt of the French Republic to occupy and administer this territory. This mission being incompatible with the installation of any Allied administrative agency in the same Region, I find myself obliged to oppose it (ie, any such installation)
- (3) Any insistence in this direction would assume a clearly unfriendly character, even a hostile character, and could have grave consequences.

C. Following radio message was received by CG IV COMPS on night 2/3~~8~~ from General BOYEN:

"I have sent to General JUIN a copy of the letter I asked Major ROGERS to deliver to you. I beg to let you know that I have just been notified of the full approval given by the Chief of the Provisional Govt of the French Republic. General DE GAULLE has instructed me to make as clear as possible to the Allied Command that I have received the order to prevent the setting up of AMG in the territories occupied by our troops and administered by us by all necessary means without exception."

(Copy of letter referred to in sub para C above is letter of 30 May from General BOYEN to General CRITTENBERGER)

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2. 36 French Division now relieving 1st DMI. Reported personnel 36 Division ex FFI from southwest FRANCE.

3. Comments are:

- A. General BOVENS message in para 1 C above discloses a complete change in French policy in NW ITALY. He now states that he has been ordered by DE GAULLE to prevent us from setting up Allied Military Govt in disputed areas by force if necessary.
- B. Apart from wider considerations, our position in ITALY and vis a vis TITO will be greatly prejudiced if we accept this ultimatum.

4. I recommend:

- A. That I be directed by you to complete the occupation of NW ITALY and to establish Allied Military Govt there, using force if necessary.
- B. That I be authorized to publish to all troops under my command and to the press a statement of the facts.

5. I consider that the French would be unlikely to oppose the establishment of Allied Military Govt if strong US and British forces, especially armored forces in which the French are lacking in this area, are despatched in support, with orders to use force if necessary.

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Meanwhile I have instructed 15 ARMY GROUP to maintain
the present position.

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2 June 1945

SUBJECT : POLICY
TO : Deputy Regional Commissioner
Provincial Commissioners
(For distribution and guidance of Officers).

1°- The following is quoted for information and guidance of all Officers and EM/ORs assigned or attached to Piemonte Region:-

"TO: Colonel Robert P. Marshall
Regional Commissioner
Piedmonte Region

It must be impressed upon all our people that, under no circumstances are armed clashes to be permitted to develop between troops of France and our own. Our policy in this whole matter, from our standpoint, must be perfectly clear to all echelons. We should continue to occupy the territory assigned. Any interference on the part of the French with Allied Military Government functions should be reported in detail giving all factual data such as names of all officers involved and the time and place. However, under no circumstances will an armed clash between French and American troops be allowed to take place either directly or indirectly.

/s/ Willis D. Crittenberger
/T/ WILLIS D. CRITTENBERGER
Major General, U.S. Army
Commanding."

2°- The foregoing will be meticulously observed.

ROBERT P. MARSHALL
Colonel, FA.,
D.S.C.A.O.
Piedmonte Region.

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Translation

The President of the Council of Ministers

n. 468

Rome, 1 June 1945

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Dear Admiral,

I received your letter of the 28th about the question of the Val d'Aosta, and thanking you, I recognize the news it contains.

Your assuring us that this zone is under Allied Military Control is a great comfort.

Yours sincerely,

a.I. Bonomi

Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
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Cite ALCOM message 8865 of 31 May requesting information on IMPERIA.

On May 28th Colonel JORDAN Deputy Regional Commissioner of LIGURIA accompanied by the Regional Legal Officer and the Provincial Commissioner called on Colonel PICOT commanding the French troops in western IMPERIA regarding the establishment of Allied Military Government in that area.

Colonel PICOT 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 General BOYAN.

It was however agreed by Colonel PICOT 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 BOYAN.

On 29 May Colonel JORDAN and the others started to post the proclamations and on the way Colonel PICOT overtook them and said that he had tried to get a message to them during the night. Colonel PICOT then gave the Allied officers a message that General BOYAN is unable to envisage a change in administration in west IMPERIA at this juncture. He has no such agreement with General TRUSCOTT. Any change now would appear to the Italians as a retreat on the part of his country.

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ORIGIN ZERO ONE ONE FIVE THREE ZERO NINE

PARIS TO AFHQ FOR GEORGE FIVE FROM HQ ALCON SITE ADVXU PAREN

QUOTE IT IS CONFIRMED THAT THE THREE SIX DIVISION IS NOW BELIEVED ONE DMI PD RELIEF
WILL NOT BE COMPLETED BEFORE EIGHT JUNE CMA FRENCH LIAISON OFFICER WITH THIS
HEADQUARTERS REPORTS PERSONNEL THREE SIX DIVISION ARE EX FOX FOX ITEM FROM SOUTHWEST
FRANCE PD ON TWO EIGHT MAY COLONEL JORDON DEPUTY REGIONAL COMMISSIONER OF LIGURIA
ACCOMPANIED THE REGIONAL LEGAL OFFICER AND THE PROVINCIAL COMMISSIONER CALLED ON COLONEL
PIOT COMMANDING THE FRENCH TROOPS IN WESTERN IMPERIA REGARDING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF
ALLIED MILITARY COVENANT IN THAT AREA PD COLONEL PIOT RECEIVED THEM COURTEOUSLY
BUT STATED THAT HE HAD NO INSTRUCTIONS TO PERMIT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF ALLIED MILITARY
AND THAT HE WOULD HAVE TO COMMUNICATE WITH GENERAL GERRY WHO IN TURN WOULD HAVE TO CALL
DOYAN PD IT WAS HOWEVER AGREED BY COLONEL PIOT 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 PRIOR TO THE CONFERENCE WITH GENERAL DOYAN PD ON TWO
NINE MAY COLONEL JORDON AND THE OTHERS STARTED TO POST THE PROCLAMATIONS AND ON THE WAY

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COLONEL PIOTT OVERTOOK THEM AND SAID THAT HE HAD TRIED TO GET A MESSAGE TO
THEM DURING THE NIGHT PD COLONEL PIOTT THEN GAVE THE ALLIED OFFICERS A MESSAGE
THAT GENERAL DOYAN IS UNABLE TO CONCEIVE A CHANGE IN ADMINISTRATION IN WEST
AFRICA AT THIS JUNCTURE PD HE HAS NO SUCH AGREEMENT WITH GENERAL TRUSCOTT PD
ANY CHANGE NOW WOULD APPEAR TO THE ITALIANS AS A RETREAT ON THE PART OF HIS
COUNTRY PD END QUOTE

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TO : ALOON

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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 ASSY to include BLOOM it is confirmed that the 36 French Division is now relieving 1 IMI. Relief will not be completed before 5 June, French Liaison Officer with this headquarters reports personnel 36 Division are ex FFI from southwest FRANCE. On 28 May Colonel JORDAN Deputy Regional Commissioner of LESOTHO accompanied the Regional Legal Officer and the Provincial Commissioner called on Colonel PIROT concerning the French troops in Western LESOTHO regarding the establishment of Allied Military Government in that area. Colonel PIROT 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 GREY who in turn would have to call DUYAN. It was however agreed by Colonel PIROT 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 DUYAN. On 29 May Colonel JORDAN and the others started to post the proclamations and on the way Colonel PIROT overtook them and said that he had tried to get a message to them during the night. Colonel PIROT then gave the Allied officers a message "That General DUYAN is unable to arrange a change in administration in west LESOTHO at this junction. He has no such

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agreed with General TRISOUT. Any change now would appear to the
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, AMHQ attention G2.

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PARA ONE PD FOLLOWING IS PARAPHRASE OF SIGNAL ADDRESSED TO AID FOUR CORPS
FROM ANG LIQUERIA REGION QUOTE ONE FOUR COMBATES IN IMPERIA PROVINCE OCCUPIED
BY FRENCH PD ON TWO NINE MAY PARTY TO ESTABLISH MILITARY GOVERNMENT AND POST
PROCLAMATIONS WERE REFUSED ENTRY INTO DISPUTED TERRITORY PD LOCAL ALLIED
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PARISH TO AIDE FOX NEW CHARLIE FOR GEORGE DASH FIVE FROM HQ ALGOM SIGNED STONE
CITE ACHEXC PARISH

PARA TWO PD HAVE ASKED FOR FURTHER REPORT OF SITUATION PD

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TO: ANG 4 CORPS, INFO/ HQ ALCON ROME

MAY 31 1945

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French occupy 14 communes Province of IMPERIA in force. Party to establish military government disputed territory refused entrance 29 May for purpose of military government or posting regulations. Regimental Commander 135 INFANTRY informed. Local allied military authorities declined to send troops in support of establishment of ANG.

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EXTRACT FROM the Minutes of MACLEOD's 13th Meeting (Political) held on 31st May 1945

MINUTE No. 5.

5. SITUATION ON FRENCH-ITALIAN FRONTIER.

(Previous reference SAC (P) (45) 12th Meeting, Minute 7).

MAJOR GERALD LEMMONIER reported that General Boyen had forwarded a note to General Truscott requesting that French shepherdie from the Haute-Savoie district should be allowed to cross the frontier in order to graze their flocks on Italian soil, in accordance with a custom which it was alleged was long established. 15 Army Group had been instructed not to permit such action since it would be liable to prejudice any proposals for the adjustment of boundaries which might be put forward in the future. The Combined Chiefs of Staff had been informed of this decision.

THE DEPUTY SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER:

Took note of the above report.

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: 3254
Date/Time of Origin: MAY 27 1540Z

Message Centre No: 3/2400
Date/Time Recd: MAY 27 1157Z
Precedence: PRIORITY

FROM: 5 ARMY WORMHOLE CODE, MAY 2 199
TO: HQ ALCON GET HQ 15 ARMY

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Ref your 6342. Signal reference number 102 from IV Corps
to 3-5 5 ARMY relayed to 15 ARMY GROUP and ALCON covers subject
situation.

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28 May 1945.

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

The Rome press on Wednesday, 23 May, reported that the CMAI, Milan, had confirmed the action of CM, Turin, in granting autonomy to Val d'Aosta. It was further stated that CMAI had authorized the Council to implement this by: first, establishing French and Italian as the official languages; and second, by revision of territorial boundaries in accordance with those existing in 1922.

I have had this entire matter thoroughly investigated and am advised that there is no basis for such a report to have been published. I am advised also that while the Val d'Aosta delegation made representations for autonomy to CM, Turin, the CMAI received these and tabled them in each case, and that no declaration, proclamation, or other effort has been made in Val d'Aosta to assert autonomy or separation.

We will appreciate, of course, that the territory in question is under Allied Military Government and will therefore be administered as such.

Yours very truly,

/s/ Elmer W. Stone

ELMER W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USN
Chief Commissioner

His Excellency Ivanoe Bonomi,
The President of the Council of Ministers,
Italian Government,
Rome.

cc. Executive Commissioner
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Originator's Reference: 102

Message Centre No. 3/2478

Date/Time of Origin: MAY 26 15213

Date/Time Rec'd: MAY 26 2115H

Precedence: OF PRIORITY

FROM: IV CORPS

MAY 27 1945

TO: G-3, 5 ARMY; HQ 15 ARMY GP, HQ ALCOW

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Please pass to HQ 15 ARMY GP and HQ ALCOW subject to report
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representations for autonomy to CIN TURIN and GENAI. Received
and tabled in each case. No declaration, proclamation or other
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parties were long since (since?) advised that no action could be
taken while under AMV.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Priority Reference: P 40
Date/Time of Origin: MAY

Message Centre No. 2/2398
Date/Time Recd: MAY 26 0830H
Precedence: PRIORITY

FROM: PIEDMONT SIGNED MARSHALL
TO: ALOOM INFO HQ IV CORPS SCAG

MAY 26 1945

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Reference your 8942.

2. No basis for report in ROME press described in your message. AOSTA delegation has presented representations for autonomy to CLN TURIN and CLNAI MILAN where reported favourably (?) received and tabled. No declaration proclamation or other effort has been made in VALLE D'AOSTA to assist autonomy or separation. All parties were long since advised that if any such action or effort were attempted it would be without force or effect.

3. Also advised authority vests only in AMG which has been established and will be maintained throughout PIEDMONT REGION as directed by IV CORPS without regard for the French occupation. HQ IV CORPS is continuously advised of any developments or changes.

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Supreme Allied Office

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SAC (P) (45) 12th Meeting
24 May 1945

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SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER'S CONFERENCE
(POLITICAL)

7. SITUATION ON FRANCE-ITALIAN FRONTIER
(Previous reference SAC (P) (45) 11th Meeting - Minute 7)

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THE SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER:

Instructed the Chief of Staff to obtain from 15 Army Group a comprehensive report on the situation in Northwest ITALY and on this basis to prepare for his approval a telegram forwarding this information to the Combined Chiefs of Staff.

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24 May

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 MILAN HAS CONFIRMED THE ACTION OF CHARLIE LOVE MAN TURIN IN GRANTING
 AUTONOMY TO VAL DOG APOSTROPHE AOSTA PD

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FOURTH CORPS FOR AMI AND AMG PIEDMONT REGION FOR INFO FROM HQ ALCON CITE
ACCORD PAREN

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 POWERS AND I SHOULD BE GLAD IF YOU WOULD CAUSE THE CHARLIE LOVE MAN ABLE
 ITEM AND CHARLIE LOVE MAN TURIN TO BE INFORMED THAT THE TERRITORY IS UNDER
 ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT AND WILL BE ADMINISTERED AS SUCH PD GRATEFUL
 FOR EARLY REPORT ON SITUATION

Executive Commissioner

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 Brigadier,
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Originator's Reference: FX 80526
Date Time of Origin: MAY 231341

Message Centre No: E/2026
Date Time Rec'd: MAY 231655
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FROM: AFHQ SIGNED SACRED CITE FBSC
TO: 15 ARMY GROUP INFO ALCOM

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Your 422 of 19 May.

Para 1. Agreed that your suggestion to have French troops in ITALY put under operational command 15th ARMY GROUP might facilitate AMD and produce more orderly military state of affairs. It is however not approved for reasons given in para 2.

Para 2. Such action is liable to convey impression to French and Italians that French occupation of NW ITALY is condoned by US and UK. It might also prejudice strong action now being taken by US and UK Governments to secure immediate total withdrawal of French from NW ITALY.

M/C Note:

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JUN 12 1945

FROM: SHAEF FORWARD SIGNED EISENHOWER

TO : CCOS FOR ACTION, TO BCOS AND AFHQ FOR INFORMATION

REF NO THIS MESSAGE: FWD-22095, 21 May 1945. 14 JUN 1945

1. Reference is made to SCAP 393 (Forward 21506) 15 May.

2. The French have now replied to our letter of 7th May mentioned in Paragraph 4 reference cable. A translation of their reply is as follows:

"In your letter of 7th May 1945 you requested that instructions be given to General DOYEN to withdraw the Army Detachment of the Alps from territory now occupied by it, to the other side of the 1939 Franco-Italian frontier.

"I desire to present to you the point of view of the French government on this subject:

"Operations in the MEDITERRANEAN Theater as in the Western Theater being now completed, movements and stationing of French troops of the ALPS are henceforth questions which no longer fall within the strategic sphere but which should be examined by the interested governments.

"Consequently, the question of withdrawal of the Army Detachment of the ALPS to the Franco-Italian frontier of 1939 can no longer be handled directly between the Supreme Command and the French Command and should be dealt with on the diplomatic plane.

"While awaiting study by the interested governments, the Army Detachment of the ALPS will continue to remain in the area which it is now occupying."

3. Any arbitrary action on my part would undoubtedly raise the question of command of the First French Army who

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the occupying areas for whose military government I am at present responsible. It would bring up others of equal complexity in our current logistical situation. Moreover, it is understood an agreement may be reached in the near future regarding the French occupational zones and it is desired to avoid any action which might jeopardize or delay this agreement.

4. It is therefore proposed to defer action pending delineation of the French zones. As soon as this has been accomplished my intention is to approach the French authorities and arrange for an early transfer to them of responsibility for Military Government in the French zones and Command of all French forces in this Theater, if indeed, the first move is NOT made by the French.

5. For CCOS and BCOS this is SCAP 408.

NOTE: SCAP 393 (FWD 21506) MC IN 10396 15/5/45 G-3

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FROM: 15 ARMY GROUP

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TO : AFHQ

REF. NO. THIS MESSAGE: 303 422

14 JUN 1945
19 May 1945

Personal to Field Marshal ALEXANDER from General MARK W CLARK.

Reference French situation in Northwest ITALY.

I completely concur in your views, as expressed yesterday, that the Allied Governments should make strong representations to the French Government with a view to having French troops withdrawn from ITALY at the earliest possible date.

General DOYEN, Commanding French Army of ALPS, visited me here today. He explained that French troops were seriously disappointed when required to stop advance in ITALY just as they were about to exploit victory. He stated that prestige and honour of French Army requires that French not be required to withdraw from ITALY at this time. He said that he felt quite certain that no question of annexation of Italian Territory was involved. At one stage he suggested that instead of having French troops withdraw, he felt that American troops should give way to permit French to occupy larger area. I told him I was certain this would never be agreed to.

It is perfectly apparent to me that French troops will remain generally in their present positions in ITALY for some time while the situation is being discussed on Governmental levels. Meanwhile, with two Commanders in the same area and troops thoroughly mixed, the set up is unsatisfactory. In spite

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of drastic orders issued by all Commanders concerned to prevent incidents, some are liable to take place, particularly in view of an inflammable Franco-Italian relationship. Until the problem is settled by the Governments I recommend that you consider taking steps to have French troops now in ITALY placed under operational control of 15 Army Group. I in turn would attach them to Fifth Army. This would tend to bring order to the present unsatisfactory situation. Should French troops pass to my command it is my plan to assign them a definite sector of responsibility which will avoid the present wholesale mixing of US and French troops.

AMG activities throughout the whole area would continue to function under command of Fifth Army as they are now. General DUYEN considers my suggestion a logical one, though he was very careful to avoid committing his senior commander. I in turn made it clear to him that the proposal had not yet been referred to you. I did not discuss the AMG angle with him.

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INFORMATION: SACS
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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Supreme Allied Commander's Secretariat

EXTRACT

SAC (P) (45) 11th Meeting
18 May 1945

TO: SECRET

SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER'S CONFERENCE
(POLITICAL)

7. SITUATION ON FRANCO-ITALIAN FRONTIER

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THE SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER:

Directed:

- (a) That, while representations at Governmental level continued, no further action should be taken by this headquarters to expedite withdrawal of French forces from Northwest ITALY.
- (b) That the occupation of the area up to the frontier, by forces of 15 Army Group should continue under existing instructions.

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Ref: 580/56/80.

Tel: 478201

21 May 1945.

SUBJECT: HQ IV Corps (Civil Affairs Section) Report.

TO : G-3, AFHQ.

The following report, ^{dated 15 May} on an incident which took place at the Edison Company Power Plant at SAN DALMASI IN TOSCA may be of interest to you.

"On 12 May French cut the telephone lines to GENOA thus cutting off communication. They also arrested the Chief Engineer of the Company. The plant officials were informed that he was taken to RICE. His name is BOSTI.

On 15 May the French ^(see) came to GENOA presenting an agreement proposing that if the French boundary is changed that a financial arrangement be entered into so that the Edison Company would continue to operate the plant under French auspices.

The orders given to Edison personnel to build pole lines to connect with French lines are still unchanged.

Information:

This San Dalmasi plant produces 55,000 Kw either at 50 or 16 2/3 cycles. The Ventimilia - Genoa, Genoa - Turin (all of the regions of Turin and Genoa) railways are supplied from this plant.

Part of the industrial power for all of the cities to Florence comes from the Edison system - cutting off of the San Dalmasi plant will cut the power previously counted upon as being available for transfer to central Italy.

The French troops involved are P.V.I., 1st Division - General Garbay."

For the Chief Commissioner:

[Signature]
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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HEADQUARTERS IV CORPS
Civil Affairs Section

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15 May 1945

SUBJECT: Report of Incident

TO: See Distribution

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On 12 May French went to Edison Company Power Plant at San Dalmazzi di Tenda and cut the telephone lines to Genoa thus cutting off communication. They also arrested the Chief Engineer of the Company. The plant officials were informed that he was taken to Nice. His name is Bosio.

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Tel: 478302

15 May 1945.

Ref: 581/SC.

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SUBJECT: Report on French Annexation Activities in the area of TENDA and CUSCO.

TO : S-5 Section, AFHQ.

1. The Prefect of CUSCO reports through SO(R) Liaison sources that the French authorities ordered the Italian Electricity Co. C.I.E.L.I. to rehabilitate the SAN DALMAZZO DI TENDA power plant and convey the electric power thus produced on the French net, thus depriving of it the industry of CUSCO, to which the said power had always been destined in the past.

2. At TENDA and BRIGA MARITTIMA the Podesta was discharged and the population was made to sign a paper for adhesion to FRANCE. Non-adherents were threatened with sequestration of property and with expulsion from the village as foreigners. On 29 April the Italian flag was removed and French proclaimed as the official language. Officials who could write French correctly were established in the commune. French currency has been adopted and severe punishment was threatened for failure to declare ready lire. Local partisans were invited to enlist in the Foreign Legion or lay down arms and go back to their homes. The partisans rejected this offer and retired to the Italian Riviera. A French citizen was appointed Mayor of BRIGA MARITTIMA.

3. The F.I.O. CUSCO reports on 11 May :

"Reported from BRIGHELIO in VAL STURA DESERTE that French troops are requisitioning all the food supplies and treating Italian civil population badly by requisitioning few remaining buildings not burned by retreating Germans in final stages of fighting. News not yet confirmed."

For the Chief Commissioner:

for Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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S.O.(M) Liaison Staff,
c/o R.A.A.C.,
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12th May 1945

Office of the Executive Commission,
Allied Commission.

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The attached documents are two reports made to the British mission at Cuneo by the prefect of Cuneo, and refer to French annexation activities in the area of Tenda south of Cuneo.

Major
Liaison Staff S.O.M.

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(Hans K. Brown)

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June 4, 1945

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Subject: Situation of the German Air Force and Navy

After that I told you previously, I forward for your attention a copy of a report sent to us by the Secretary of the German Air Force and Navy of the irregular plasticity for a mission to produce which has already taken place by order of the German military command.

I have this opportunity for informing you that the French authorities ordered the German plasticity to be eliminated to rehabilitate the German Air Force and Navy and survey the electric power that produced on the German net, thus depicting of it the industry of Germany so which the said plasticity always been involved in the past. I ask for your intervention and thank you for it. You will be able to

Yours,

Trudy Moore,

for President

U.S. Navy

of a report sent to us by the secretary of the council of heads of
groups of the irregular resistance for assistance to French which has
already taken place by order of the French military command.

I take this opportunity for informing you that the French authorities
ordered the French authorities to C.I.A. to contribute the
and deliver to the power plant and among the electrical power than
produced on the French net, thus depriving it the industry of

which, to which the said power had been delivered in the past.
I ask for your investigation and thank you for it. You will be able to

do. I remain,

Very yours,

The President

Dr. G. T. T. T.

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March 21/1968

On the morning of the 21st of

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At a temporary station in leaving, I went to take this opportunity to
learn from about the events which took place in Lima and Lima. I was advised
that the majority of the first command, and in March of the second, waiting for
the orders of your headquarters.

After several days of incessant shelling and bombing, which had obliged
the population to seek shelter in the tunnels, the command finally abandoned the
area in Lima, on the evening of April 21st, retreating to Lima and Lima.

During the whole night, shells passed continuously over the village, hitting
the enemy, and in the morning, before dawn, local detachments announced the (re-
tactical) destruction of the village, which, now and rarely tunnels, including
and Lima from the world.

In the 21st, the last detachments and detachments passed through Lima
where they committed some robbery on their way. Towards the evening, local patriots
reinforced by some elements of the guerrilla outside, and coming from Lima and
Lima, occupied the village militarily, completely, public order very effi-
ciently.

They established their command in a room on the second floor of the Palacio
Gonzalez, and immediately established telephone connections with Lima and
Lima. They learned that the alleged command did the belief that the com-
mand had concentrated in Lima, and decided to blow up the village with bomb of
heavy caliber. The command immediately sent a messenger to Lima to say that
there were no elements staying on in Lima, and asking for French reinforcement,
in case the command should attack from Lima.

On the morning of April 21st, a platoon of Algerian soldiers, commanded by
a French captain, made a triumphal entry in Lima, where some were sent in trucks
of the Patriotic, and the allies. They were all received by the population
in the Palacio Gonzalez.

At about 12.30, a French Col. arrived in the morning with his own troops
to occupy the village, established himself in the Hotel Nacional, and declared
he was assuming all services, without interference; he ordered to disarm the
detached and come to leave Lima.

On the evening of the 21st, about 500 inhabitants of Lima, the last two in
the morning, called a platoon called "Committee for

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I take the liberty of drawing your attention on the following facts which took place in the Italian territory of prior position on the 25th of April and on the following days.

1. The question of prior position was occupied by the Italian partisans on April 25th 1945. The first article of the British Army arrived on the next day.

2. On April 25th, the Commander of the 'Granat' Italian formations presented himself to a French Colonel who had established his camp and in the neighbouring Italian town of Lucca, and was invited by him

3. To remain with his men in the foreign nation.

or

4. To stay when with as much as their own houses.

Commander Grando rejected these conditions and retired with his men towards the Italian division.

5. On the 27th and 28th of April, a so called Committee for the revision of the laws and a group of Italian to French arrived from Lucca and at once started their journey to the population at the command of Lucca and Santa Fama of which we exclude a group. These facts which were hardly filled in, have, it seems, already been sent to Paris.

6. Meanwhile, accordingly, and against international conventions, a French officer, who should receive Lucca and Santa Fama was appointed mayor of the commune of Lucca.

7. Creation of a group was being organized by the above mentioned officer in the Italian division to have them give their attention for the revision of the laws of Lucca. The presence of this group was the threat of expropriating all property to the threat of expropriating all the houses which had been up to now owned by the Italian authorities.

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Prefettura di CUNEO

CUNEO 4 Maggio 1945.

Al sig. Maggiore BALLARD

Comandante Militare Alleato

CUNEO.

Oggetto: Situazione dei Comuni di Briga Marittima e
Tenda.

A seguito di quanto vi ho segnalato ieri, e perchè ne abbiate notizia, ho l'onore di trasmettervi copia di una relazione inviata dal Segretario del Comune di Tenda circa l'irregolare plebiscito di annessione alla Francia già attuato dal Comando Militare Francese.

Nell'occasione ho altresì l'onore di informare che le autorità Francesi hanno ordinato alla Società Italiana di elettricità C.I.E.L.I. di riattare la centrale di SAVILLAZZO DI TENDA e convogliare l'energia prodotta sulla rete francese, privandone in tal modo l'industria della grande GENOVA, alla quale l'energia stessa era sempre in passato destinata. Vi ringrazio del Vostra cortese intervento che colla presente ho l'onore di sollecitare, e Vi prego, Signor Maggiore, di credere alla mia

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Il Prefetto

F.to G. VERONE

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Comune di TENDA
Il Segretario

TENDA 2/5/45

Alla Eccellenza Il Prefetto di

CUNEO

Colgo l'occasione della venuta costì di una persona fidata per segnalarvi gli avvenimenti succedutisi in TENDA e BRIGA dove mi trovo quale Segretario titolare del primo Comune e reggente il secondo in attesa di ordini superiori da Vostra Eccellenza.

Dopo vari giorni di cannoneggiamenti e bombardamenti continui, per causa dei quali la popolazione si era rifuggita a vivere nelle gallerie, finalmente il giorno 24 Aprile sera i Tedeschi hanno abbandonato il fronte a TENDA, ritirandosi in LIMONE e VERNANTO.

Per tutta la notte i proiettili di artiglieria hanno fischiate paurosamente sull'abitato, inseguendo il nemico, finché al mattino, prima dell'alba, detonazioni terribili annunziarono la sistematica distruzione dei ponti, strade, gallerie stradali e ferroviario, isolando TENDA e BRIGA dal mondo.

Durante il 25 sono transitati in TENDA gli ultimi rastrellatori e ritardatori Tedeschi che non hanno risparmiato di commettere furti e rapine lungo la via. Verso sera i patriotti locali, rinforzati da alcuni elementi della Brigata Garibaldina, pervenuti da BRIGA e VERDEGLIA, hanno militarmente occupato il paese, presidiando e mantenendo, nel migliore dei modi, l'ordine pubblico.

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Il mattino del 26 Aprile un plotone di fucilieri algerini, al comando di un Capitano Francese, ha fatto trionfale ingresso in TENDA dove si è inneggiato a lungo ai Patrioti, alla PRANCIA ed agli Alleati, ricevuti tutti nel Palazzo Comunale dove è stata offerta dal Podestà una biocchierata in loro onore.

Verso le ore 12.30 giungeva nel Comune un Col. Francese con la propria truppa occupandolo ed insediandosi nell'ex albergo Nazionale, dichiarando di assumere in proprio ogni servizio, senza interferenza, ed ordinando ai patrioti di lasciare il paese e VALLE REIA ed essere disarmati.

Il giorno 26 sera sono giunti in TENDA circa 300 Tendaschi, già esuli in PRANCIA, con a Capo una delegazione chiamata "Comitato di riattaccamento di TENDA e BRIGA alla PRANCIA" e con una Compagnia di militari Francesi

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compete di Tendaschi e Brigaschi il cui compito era quello di polizia politica (deuxième bureau).

Il predetto Comitato, appoggiato dalle autorità militari e dalla Polizia si è all'indomani insediato in Comune, dichiarando caduto il Podestà ed adducendo, per le riornate di Dorence e Lunedi', elezioni riservate agli uomini e donne di TENDA ed ai residenti del Comune prima del 1939.

Perché tutti indistintamente accorressero alla votazione, è stato loro detto, a mezzo di Frida, che la popolazione avrebbe dovuto iscriversi per avere le nuove carte francesi.

Nessuna Autorità costituita sedicente plebiscito ed a tutti è stato fatto firmare un foglio di adesione alla FRANCHIA, con la minaccia che i non aderenti sarebbero stati fatti allontanare dal paese, come stranieri. Vengono poi, indetti festeggiamenti per l'annessione, ai quali hanno militari e cittadini e, per tre giorni di seguito la popolazione è rimasta tranquilla, perché in assoluto riposo.

Fin dal 29 Aprile, sono state fatte ammainare bandiere italiane e la lingua ufficiale è stata proclamata quella Francese, installando in Comune impiegati capaci di scrivere correttamente nel nuovo verbo.

Le "fride" vennero subito fatte in Francese ed ogni invito ed avviso è pure in tale lingua.

Il Comitato predetto aveva, in previsione, portato della FRANCHIA stampati, manifesti, bandieri, quadri, fotografie ecc.

Ha avuto inoltre la consegna dell'Ufficio e della Tesoreria, bloccando le banche senza la finanza francese, giunta a TENDA ed a BRIGA, ha proceduto al cambio alla pari di Lit. 3000 contro altrettanti franchi per ogni persona fiorentina ed obbligando la popolazione a denunciare subito le proprietà in contanti ed in titoli a scanso di pene severissime.

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Di altri provvedimenti ad ottetti, riferirò verbalmente alla prossima mia venuta costì.

La moneta corrente è quella francese.

Resto in attesa di vostri ordini, al mio posto di lavoro, quantunque speditato, per conoscere e dare ai volti italiani che piangono sugli attuali avvenimenti, una parola di conforto e di speranza, perchè TENDA rimanga alla Madre Patria.

Con il massimo ossequio.

P/ta Dott. Vittorio ARENGO

PRESENTAZIONE DI CINQUE

Giugno 3 Maggio 1945

Al sig. MAGGIOR BALLARD

Comandante Alleato presso la Prefettura

C O T T O

La permissão di richiamare la Vostra attenzione sui seguenti fatti verificatisi nel comune italiano di Briga Marittima nel giorno 25 Aprile dello scorso mese e seguenti:

1. Il Comune di Briga Marittima veniva occupato dai Partigiani italiani il giorno 25 Aprile 1945. Il giorno successivo vi giungevano le prime pattuglie dell'Armata Francese.

2. Il giorno 26 Aprile il Comandante della formazione Partigiana "Francis" si presentava ad un Colonnello Francese che ha installato il suo comando nel vicino comune italiano di Tenda e da questo veniva invitato:

a) ad arruolarsi con tutti i suoi uomini nella legione straniera.

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b) consegnare le armi e ritornare alle proprie case.
Il Comandante Francese respingeva queste due condizioni, allentandosi con i suoi uomini verso la Riviera Italiana.
3. Nei giorni 27 e 28 di Aprile giunge da Nizza un cosiddetto "Comité de rattachement de Tenda et de la Brigue di Nice à la France" il quale inizia immediatamente la distribuzione alle popolazioni dei Comuni di Briga e Tenda di schede di

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4. Tuttavia, e con atto assolutamente arbitrario e contrario alle convenzioni internazionali vigenti, il cittadino francese Ing. Giovanni Battista PACCHIAUD, viene nominato Sindaco del Comune di Briga M.
5. Presidenti di ogni genere venivano esercitati dal sopradetto Comitato contro i Cittadini italiani perchè sottoscrivessero la loro adesione per un riattaccamento del Comune alla Francia.

Queste pressioni andavano dalla minaccia di confisca di tutti i beni alla minaccia di sospensione delle licenze di ogni genere finora rilasciate dalle Autorità Italiane.

6. Sono stati sospesi i contratti stipulati da ditte Italiane con il Municipio di Briga Marittima per il taglio di boschi, con evidente danno delle Ditte stesse e delle numerose maestranze impiegate, venendo anche con ciò ad esercitare una pressione indiretta.

7. La moneta italiana non viene più accettata, mentre con un pubblico bando è stata invitata tutta la popolazione a consegnare il capitale liquido in moneta italiana. Analoghe pressioni sono state esercitate anche nei confronti della popolazione di Tenda.

Ho la ferma fiducia che la gravità di questi fatti assolutamente contrari al diritto delle genti non sfuggirà alla vostra attenzione e, pertanto, Vi prego, Signor Maggiore, di voler prontamente intervenire presso il Comando Francese affinché questi atti - se iniziati - vengano prontamente sospesi e mi venga data, attraverso la Vostra persona, assicurazione che da parte francese non si ha alcuna intenzione di costituire uno stato di fatto penoso e indesiderabile fra le due Nazioni.

In tale fiducia Vi esprimo, signor Maggiore, i miei ringraziamenti unitamente ai sensi della mia devozione.

Il Prefetto

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Il Prefetto

F.to Guido VERZONO

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Comité de rattachement de TENDE
et de la Brigade de NICE à la FRANCE.

Je soussigné, nom.....
prénom.....
filiation..... SURNOM.....
né à..... le.....
domicilié à.....

déclare sur mon honneur donner mon entière approbation au
rattachement à la France des communes de Tende et de la
Brigade de Nice conformément aux droits acquis par nos
aïeux lors du plébiscite du 15 Avril 1860 et sollicite le
grand honneur de devenir Français.

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c/o R.A.A.C.,
C.B.F.

12/51/748

13th May 1945

Office of the Executive Commissioner,
Allied Commission

MAY 14 REC'D

Herewith two messages received from our S.L.Os
may be of interest to you.

one message attached
second message from R.L. Novak
ON DISTORTION TALKS - ON FILE 149/EC

/s/ Gibson

Major
S.O. (M) Liaison Staff.

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Yellowi received from B.L.G. Cune dated 11th May - 31

"Latest French situation no reported change San
Dalmazzo Tenda area. Reported from Bersezio in Val
Stura Piemonte that French troops are requisitioning all
the food supplies and treating Italian civil population
badly by requisitioning few remaining buildings not burned
by retreating Germans in final stages of fighting. News
not yet confirmed. A.M.C. informed".

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FIFTH ARMY: FIFTEENTH ARMY GROUP

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14 May

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SECRET PD

GENERAL DE SEVIN THE FRENCH REPRESENTATIVE ON THE ALLIED COMMISSION HAS LEFT FOR YOUR HEADQUARTERS WITH A FULL PICTURE OF THE REPORTS RECEIVED HERE ON THE FRENCH ACTIVITIES IN PINOMITE AND VAL DOG APOSTROPHE AOSTA AND WITH THE INTENTION OF HELPING YOU TO BATTLE THE MANY DIFFICULTIES THAT HAVE ARISEN AND ESTABLISH NORMALITY PD

PAREN TO FIFTH ARMY PERSONAL FOR GENERAL TROBOTT FROM ADMIRAL STONE CMA
TO FIFTEENTH ARMY GROUP PERSONAL FOR GENERAL GRUNTHIER FROM ADMIRAL STONE
AND FOR GEORGE DASH FIVE SECTION FROM DE ALDOM GITE AGERO PAREN

YOU WILL I KNOW GIVE HIM EVERY HELP IN THIS MISSION AND HE HAS ASKED PARTICULARLY THAT THE MILITARY AND AMI OFFICERS IN TURIN AND VAL DOG AOSTA APOSTROPHE/SHOULD BE TOLD THAT HE IS COMING TO ASSIST THEM AND WILL NEED THEIR FRIENDLY COOPERATION IN CLEARING UP THE MATTER

See Min (35)

Executive Commissioner

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Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner

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DRAFT CABLE

TO: A.P.H.C.

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I must point out that the reply proposed in your
p 74560 of May 13 would give little satisfaction to the
Italian Government nor my Regional Commissioners in the
north. The fact is that the French show little or no
inclination to remove their political and civil administrative
control. Surely the facts as reported to you warrant action
defined in para. 3 - if you wish stable and so be set up.

Not approved

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Not approved

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Ex. Comm.

Copy No. 1

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Originator's Reference: F 74566

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Message Centre No. E/513

Date/Time of Origin: MAY 122112R

Date/Time Recd: MAY 130930B

Precedence: PRIORITY

FROM: AFHQ SIGNED ALEXANDER CITE PHOTO

TO: ALCOM

MAY 13 1945

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HEADQUARTERS

A C.

Reference your letter 147/EC of 9 May.

1. You may inform the Prime Minister if asked:

a. That the French entered ITALY in accordance with the requirements of the military situation at the time. However, since 15 ARMY GROUP is now able to deploy troops in the frontier areas, an arrangement has been proposed whereby the French withdrawal will be coordinated with their handover to 15 ARMY GROUP.

b. That 15 ARMY GROUP has been instructed to occupy and establish AMG in NW ITALY and to assume control of the frontier.

2. SHAEF have requested the French High Command to instruct General DUVEN to coordinate his withdrawal with the arrival of the 15 ARMY GROUP. SHAEF have also stressed the importance of AFHQ establishing frontier control on the Italian side, as agreed by all concerned including the French.

3. Should the French reply prove unsatisfactory, the question will be referred to the Combined Chiefs of Staff.

4. Pending a French reply, 15 ARMY GROUP has been instructed to:

- a. Occupy and establish AMG in NW ITALY up to the frontier.
- b. Take over and establish frontier control.

5. OSS/SOE personnel have been directed to make it quite clear to local partisans that the French occupation is temporary, and that their withdrawal is being arranged.

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DATE: 10/10/54
 TIME: 10:00
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 TO: [illegible]
 SUBJECT: [illegible]
 ACTION: Executive Commissioner 2
 INFO: A/President
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Reference your letter dated 10/10/54.

1. You may notice the Prime Minister is asked:

2. That the French entered ITALY in accordance with the requirements of the military situation at the time. However, since 15 ARMY GROUP is now only an Army Group in the frontier area, an arrangement has been proposed whereby the French withdrawal will be coordinated with their handover to 15 ARMY GROUP.

3. That 15 ARMY GROUP has been instructed to occupy and establish 15 ARMY GROUP ITALY and to exercise control of the frontier.

4. That have requested the French High Command to instruct General DUVIN to coordinate his withdrawal with the arrival of the 15 ARMY GROUP. They have also arranged the importance of ARMY establishing frontier control on the Italian side, as agreed by all concerned including the French.

5. Should the French reply prove unsatisfactory, the question will be referred to the Combined Chiefs of Staff.

6. In view of a French reply, 15 ARMY GROUP has been instructed to:

- a. occupy and establish and in 15 ARMY GROUP to the frontier.
- b. take over and establish frontier control.

7. 15 ARMY GROUP personnel have been directed to make it quite clear to local populations that the French withdrawal is temporary, and that their withdrawal is being

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BAUER LOVE ONE VAL DOG ASSISTANTS COVER REPORTED IN MESSAGE DATED 1205 1200 MAY
AS FOLLOWS

PAUSE TO AMT FOR GROUP DASH FIVE NOT ONE FIVE AMX GROUP FOR SEARCH DASH FIVE
FROM IN ALONG CITE AMONG PARM

QUOTE FRENCH TROOPS IN ACSTA VALLEY TOTAL TWO REGS 1200 TROOPS TO ARE NOW OFFICER
HAVING TROOPS INTO TROOPS BASE ACSTA PD HAVE ONE TWO 1200 TROOPS IN ACSTA TROOP
PD AMERICAN OFFICER MAJOR HANKE HAS ORDERED AVOID CLASH WITH FRENCH AT ALL COSTS
SO HE ALL SIT QUIETLY AND TALK AMX PD PARTICIPATE REFUSE SUPPORTER ANY AMX SO
LONG AS AMX STATE APPEARING EARTH TO THIS BARRIERS MEANS DOOR OR LATER
AMERICAN TROOPS WILL BE DENIED THESE PARTICIPANTS WHICH IS EXACTLY WHAT FRENCH WANT
TO PARTICIPATE THINK WE ARE TURNING BEHIND YOU TO AMX PD I DON'T THINK NOT AN
FRENCH TO HAVE CONCLUSION UNKNOWN

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Office of Envo. Comm.

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(S) E. J. H. H. H.

Major.

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S.C.(M) Liaison Staff,
c/o R.A.A.C.,
C.E.F.

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Brigadier Lush, C.B.E., M.C.,
Allied Commission.

B L o Val d'Aoste info.

The following has been received from our
R.I.C. in Val d'Aoste, dated 10th May 1945:

"French troops in Aosta valley total 2000.
Are now openly moving troops into towns
East Aosta. Have 120 troops in Aosta town.
American officer Major Rooney has orders
avoid clash with French at all costs so we
all sit quietly and watch above. Partisans
refuse surrender any arms so long as above
state affairs exist. This doubtless means
sooner or later American troops will be ordered
fight Partisans which is exactly what French
want. Partisans think we are turning blind
eye to above. I deny this but am forced to
same conclusion".

Refer AFHQ
18' Army Bf.

Major
S.C.(M) Liaison Staff.

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INCOMING MESSAGE
HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

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Originator's Reference: 71 73342
Date/Time of Origin: MAY 10 12:58

Message Centre No: E/267
Date/Time Recd: MAY 11 0830B
Precedence: PRIORITY

FROM: AFHQ SIGNED SIGNED LINE UNOS
TO: HQ ALCON ROBE INFO 15 ARMY GROUP

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Reur 7305 Cite BRACHIC.

Directive given 15 ARMY GROUP 7 May was that in anticipation French withdrawal they should occupy and establish APC in NW ITALY up to Franco Italian frontier as rapidly as possible. General instruction was included to avoid armed clashes and refer this HQ if such appeared likely. Further directive to 15 ARMY GROUP 8 May was that troops should take over from French and should establish frontier control.

In circumstances action lies with 15 ARMY GROUP to whom you repeated your signal.

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AFTR RPT HQ 15 ARMY GROUP

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9 MAY 1945

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See Para 23, para 1110

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FOLLOWING WITH POLITICAL ADVISERS BEING SITUATION FIRMONT CEASURE PD FRENCH
TROOPS SEEM TO HAVE WITHDRAWN ACROSS LINE VAL DOO APOSTROPHE AGATE BUT DETACHMENTS
STILL FEW MILES WEST TWIN AND MORE TROOPS REPORTED MOVING ACROSS FRONTIER PD
REPORT RECEIVED MAY EIGHT FRENCH PROPOSING CUT PAREN GROUP UNDETERMINABLE PAREN
POWER WIDE AND LINK TO FRENCH GRID PD THIS WOULD DEPRIVE GREGA OF POWER PD
EMDS PD

PAREN TO ADVISE FOR GREGA FIVE RPT HQ FIFTEEN ARMY GROUP FROM HQ ALONG GITE XX
AGEAG PAREN

PARA TWO PD CAN YOU INFORM ME WHAT ACTION YOU PROPOSE TO TAKE OR WISH ME TO
TAKE IN ORDER TO CLEAR UP A SITUATION WHICH MUST HAVE SERIOUS EFFECT ON PUBLIC
ORDER AND GOOD ADMINISTRATION PD

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10th May 1945.

Chief Commissioner.

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1. After discussion with Mr. Hopkinson (I could not find Mr. Dowling) I drafted the attached Aide Memoir for you to hand to the French Representative in Italy as a result of the French activities in NE Italy. You will see from the last telegram that the position is becoming increasingly serious.

2. I told C-5 of the action which I proposed to recommend to you and they will let you know whether they approve or not in due course.

M. S. LUSH

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The Chief Commissioner has the honour to present to the French Representative in Italy a memorandum containing information supplied by Allied officers in LIGURIA and PIEMONTE Regions regarding the activities of French troops in that area. The Chief Commissioner has reported these facts to the Supreme Allied Commander. At the same time he feels compelled to draw them to the attention of the French Representative in Italy, who, as a member of the Advisory Council in Italy will, he feels sure, realise the deplorable effect that these activities must have on the maintenance of law and order and the establishment of Allied Military Government in this area. The Chief Commissioner hopes that the French Representative in Italy will feel able to make the strongest representations to his Government in order to restore the situation in this party of Italy.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

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Ref: 1467/52.

SUBJECT: Political Advisors - Bitrope from N. ITALY.

TO : Distribution below.

Below please find summary of cables dated 9/10 May received from Mr. Schwart and Mr. Halford, US and British Political Advisors to the Allied Commission.

File 1467/52

1. 16.4009 dated 9 May 45. Situation Piedmont obscure. French troops seem to have withdrawn agreed line Valdosta but detachments still few miles west TURIN and more troops reported moving across frontier. Report received May 8 French proposing cut power wire and link to French grid. This would deprive (GAIL) of power.

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File 1467/52

3. 16.4009 dated 9 May 45. French troops east and west ACSTA. Road blocks set up and US rpt US troops unable advance without causing incident which French apparently want. Provoked(?) in ACSTA and TURIN. French established gun reference cites various points, circulating French currency, impounding food ration cards unless holders sign declaration denying French citizenship. Leading on country. Informative sign station TURIN.

Below please find summary of cables dated 9/16 May received from Mr. Schwane and Mr. Halford, US and British Political Advisors to the Allied Commission:

File 10/100

1. No. 1000 dated 9 May 45. Situation Piedmont obscure. French troops seem to have withdrawn agreed line Valdosta but detachments still few miles west. TUNIS and more troops reported moving across frontier. Report received day 8 French proposing cut power wire and link to French grid. This would deprive GEMA of power.

~~2. No. 1001 dated 9 May 45. Situation Piedmont under German control. French troops seem to have withdrawn agreed line Valdosta but detachments still few miles west. TUNIS and more troops reported moving across frontier. Report received day 8 French proposing cut power wire and link to French grid. This would deprive GEMA of power.~~

3. No. 1002 dated 9 May 45. French troops east and west AOSTA. Road blocks set up and US rpt US troops unable advance without causing incident which French apparently want. Provoked(?) in AOSTA and JULIA. French established gun, refueling sites various points, circulating French currency, impounding food ration cards unless holders sign declaration desire French citizenship, feeding on country, increasing size ration TUNIS by infiltration. Region suspects truth power line report on grounds impracticability but does not rpt not exclude it.

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[Signature]
Brigadier, 1947
Executive Commissioner.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Chief Commissioner

Ref: 147/20

9 May 1945

SUBJECT: French Situation in NW ITALY

TO : Allied Force Headquarters
Attention: Chief of Staff

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1. I attach summary of reports from the Political Advisors and B.L.G.s in N.W. Italy regarding French action in the western districts of Liguria and Piemonte. It would appear that the French are persisting in their attempt to establish, if not a French administration, certainly a strong sphere of influence. These attempts are liable to provoke disorders and are most damaging to good administration. Moreover, the Italian Government must have knowledge of these operations and I shall soon be asked what action is being taken to preserve the integrity of Italian territory on their western frontier - as well as their eastern provinces.

2. I would urge that action be taken to restore the situation without delay in order that Allied Military Government may be set up throughout these provinces and to enable me to give a satisfactory assurance to the Italian Government.

/s/ EMERY W. Stone
EMERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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/s/ Eileen W. Stone

THOMAS W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief, Coordinator

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SUMMARY OF REPORTS OF REFUGEE SITUATION IN LAOS

From B.L.O. 1st/40/1965.

Reported that the French Colonel and Partisan Colonel: French troops to occupy the SAIGON BRIDGE, LAO-VIET BORDER, VAL DE NERVA and LAO-VIET.

Occupation purely military to maintain frontier.

Partisan Colonel instructed withdrawal of partisans west of AOSIA to AOSIA town.

French troops will not enter VAL DE NERVA unless ordered to do so.

Also 110 reported French troops had crossed frontier zone with machine guns and light weapons at VAL DE NERVA BRIDGE.

Following this it was reported that the French had occupied VAL DE NERVA, had taken over local administration and requisitioned transport.

From B.L.O. 2nd/40/1965.

Reported situation of French at SAIGON BRIDGE.

From Political Adviser, Indochina.

Commented that French, who had advanced as far as VAL DE NERVA (SAIGON A Province), had begun withdrawal toward the VAL DE NERVA.

From Political Adviser, Indochina.

Reported that French civilians from AOSIA, had been instructed to evacuate completely from border for French citizenship. All AOSIA who French were said to have established river camp.

From Political Adviser, Indochina.

The French were said to be trying to arrive a so-called "agreement" plausibility and had brought in two battalions of Vietnamese recruited from ex-partisan refugees in AOSIA for the purpose.

From B.L.O. 3rd/40/1965.

Position on SAIGON-BRIDGE border reported as follows:-

(a) French have stopped all civilian traffic west of NERVA bridge.

(b) At AOSIA and VAL DE NERVA all those refusing to become French citizens

2. From Political Adviser, 2nd Day.
Reported withdrawal of French at 0100Z DAY 04/04/70.
3. From Political Adviser, 3rd Day.
Confirmed that French, who had advanced as far as TULLI (SARDIA Province), had begun withdrawal. Stated the 9th of TULLI.
4. From Political Adviser, 4th Day.
Reported that French civilians from CERRIA had been distributed to hospitals containing police center for French of CERRIA. At 0800Z the French were said to have established river GIL.
5. From Political Adviser, 5th Day.
The French were said to be trying to arrange a so-called "spontaneous" plebiscite and have brought in two battalions of VANDERBILT recruited from ex-partisan refugees in POLICE for the purpose.
6. From Political Adviser, 5th Day.
Position on ITALY-ITALIAN border reported as follows:-
 - (a) French have stopped all civilian traffic west of LERVA bridge.
 - (b) At LERVA and TULLI all those refusing to become French citizens are being driven out.
 - (c) BRIGA LERVA, re-taken by French BRIGA ZIB NICK.
7. From Political Adviser, 5th Day.
French 27th Division advanced as far as REVOLI and established a large military position in TULLI.
8. From Political Adviser, 9th Day.
Position obscure but French troops reported to have withdrawn to agreed line VAL D'ARONA. Detachments still few miles west TULLI and more troops reported moving across frontier. Reported French proposing cut power transmission and link to French grid. This would deprive GIL of power.

9. From B.L.C. Val d'Aosta Area, 8th Div.

Two French officers held meeting yesterday of about 30 allegedly helpful Partisan French elements Aosta. Mostly passives. French captain addressed meeting and said French would not help Valdostan openly because he not yet got authority but could do so other means. Said sent by de Gaulle to help Valdostan. said English were against French. Said that in 48 hours French would be in position to give orders. Until that time he ordered Valdostan to march into Aosta with French local flags to demand annexation.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

Office of the Executive Commissioner

9th May 1945.

SUBJECT: French Situation An N.E. ITALY.

TO: Chief Commissioner.

From the summary of reports on the French situation in N.E. Italy, which I attach, it will be seen that the position is still somewhat obscure. It would appear, however, that the French are attempting to establish some kind of administration or sphere of influence. At all events, in my opinion, these operations by the French are liable to provoke disorder and are deleterious to good administration.

I consider that action on the highest level should be taken to restore the situation without delay.

MSL
Brigadier.
Executive Commissioner.

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S.O.(M) Liaison Staff,
c/o R.A.A.C.

18/27/734

9th May 1945

Brigadier Lush, G.B.E., M.C.,
Allied Commission.

The attached signal, from B.L.O. Val
d'Aosta area, dated May 8th, may be of
interest to you.

h. Sampson.

For Major
SO(M) Liaison Staff.

Attachment

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S.O.(M) Liaison Staff,
c/o R.A.A.C.

IS/31/731

5th May 1945

For Brigadier H.S. Lush, C.B.E., M.C.,
Allied Commission.

The attached signals, from R.I.Cs in
Val d'Aoste and W. Liguria, dated 5th and
6th May, may be of interest to you.

Major
S.O.(M) Liaison Staff.

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From B.L.O. Val d'Aosta, dated May 6th -

"Over intelligence network of varying reliability report instances of French officers and agents circulating among population and Partisans, spreading extensive propaganda".

From B.L.O. V. Liguria, dated 5th May -

"Following is position on French Italian border this area:

- (a) French have stopped all civilian traffic west past VERVIA bridge.
- (b) At VERVIA (N. 2917) and TENNA a sort of ghetto has been organized and all those who are refusing to become French citizens are being driven out.
- (c) BRIGA VERVIA has been banned by French BRIGA IN HIGH.
- (d) Posters and propaganda leaflets advocate advantages for VERVIA BRIGA and TENNA to become part of France.

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EXTRACT.

FROM : IV CORPS
TO : INFO: HQ ALCOM FOR LUSH

Orig.No. 1109
Date & TOR: MAY 090930B

"Political French situation worse. Report on seizure EDISON
Electric Lines from company reveals cross connection. French
grids will short supply GENOA. Reports continued French still
increasing forces despite assurances to contrary and confirming
reports of plebiscite ballots in VALDOBTA received. Commanding
General CORPS has taken firm stand regarding continued presence
of French.

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PARA ONE PD AMERICAN AND BRITISH POLITICAL ADVISERS IN MILAN REPORT THAT FRENCH HAVE ESTABLISHED A LARGE MILITARY MISSION IN TURIN AND HAD INFILTRATED TROOPS AS FAR FORWARD AS RIVOLI PD ALTHOUGH THE LOCAL COMMANDERS HAVE AGREED TO RETIRE TO POINTS FURTHER WEST CMA THEY ARE NOT RETIRING AS FAR AS ORIGINALLY LAID DOWN AND IT REMAINS TO BE SEEN WHETHER THEY ARE COMPLYING WITH GENERAL CRITENSENBERGERS ORDERS ISSUED TO ALL CONCERNED IN THE SENSE OF INSTRUCTIONS SENT BY YOU PD

PAREN TO AFHQ FOR ACTION FROM HQ ALCOM CITE ACEDD PARKER

PARA TWO PD THE SAME SITUATION APPLIES IN LIGURIA PD THE MATTER IS NATURALLY CAUSING GRAVE CONCERN TO ITALIANS AND WAS RAISED BY THE CHARLIE LOVE MAN WITH THE POLITICAL ADVISERS AT TURIN ON MAY FOUR PD IT IS ALLEGED BUT NOT CONFIRMED THAT THE FRENCH ARE ATTEMPTING TO ARRANGE A SO CALLED SPONTANEOUS PLEBISCITE AND HAVE BROUGHT IN TWO BATTALIONS OF VAL DOG APOSTROPHE AGOSTANI RECRUITED FROM EX HYPHEN PARTISAN REFUGEES IN FRANCE FOR THIS PURPOSE PD

PARA THREE PD FRENCH CIVILIANS FROM CREMA HAVE BEEN DISTRIBUTING PAMPHLETS CONTAINING FORMS OFFERING FRENCH CITIZENSHIP PD THERE ALSO SEEMS TO BE A CONFUSED SITUATION IN THE NEIGHBOURHOOD OF AGOSTA WHERE THE FRENCH ARE SAID TO HAVE ESTABLISHED RIVAL CHARLIE LOVE MAN PD

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M. B. LUSH, Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

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Message's Reference: PX 70262
Date/Time of Origin: MAY 041001B

Message Centre No: B/9604
Date/Time Recd: MAY 041400B
Precedence: OF PRIORITY

FROM: APRQ SIGNED ALEXANDER CITE PUGOT

TO: ACTION: GRASP. INFO: 15 ARMY GROUP, 6 ARMY GROUP, ALCON

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Ref your TAD 20296 of 1 May, 6 ARMY GROUP BX 13846 of 1 May and BX 13889 of 2 May.

1. Continued presence of French troops in ITALY is now unnecessary and most undesirable. Realize you recognize this. There is virtual certainty of armed clashes between French and local Partisans with probable serious repercussions on stability of present Italian Govt.
2. Reports from two sources indicate French are making unreasonable demands on Italians and using Moroccans to enforce thereby hoping to provoke border incident. Reports also state French are requisitioning food stating this the right of occupying troops.
3. Presume therefore you are taking the necessary steps with the French General Staff to ensure compliance with the order for the French withdrawal. Request you keep us informed on progress, because if you are unable to effect withdrawal, propose referring matter to Combined Chiefs of Staff for action by US and UK Govts.

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Extract from Minutes of SACRED's Political
9th Meeting held on 3rd May 1945 at AFHQ.

Minute No. 3.

3. SITUATION ON THE FRANCO-ITALIAN FRONTIER.

THE CONFERENCE had before them a series of signals on the subject of French intentions in the area of the Franco-Italian frontier, ending with a message which indicated that General Doyen, when ordered by 6th Army Group to withdraw his forces behind the Franco-Italian frontier, had replied that such withdrawal was not to be contemplated without previous agreement of his government.

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* Subsequently despatched as PX 70262 of 4 May 1945.

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PAPER TO FOUR CORPS PERSONAL FOR GENERAL CRITTENDEN FROM ADMIRAL

STONE HQ ALCON CITY ARMO FOR ACTION RE-ATED FIFTEENTH ARMY GROUP AND

FIFTH ARMY FOR INFO PAPER

SACRED HAS DIRECTED THAT ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT WILL BE SET UP IN
ALL TERRITORY UNDER HIS COMMAND THAT IS TO SAY ALL ITALY PD IF THEREFORE
FRENCH ARE FORCED IN OCCUPATION AND WILL BE SET UP IN THE USUAL MANNER PD
IF FRENCH MILITARY GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN SET UP AND WILL REPLACE IT

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TO FOUR CORPS PERSONNEL FOR GENERAL CHITTINGHAM FROM ACTUAL
STONE HQ ALCOM CITE ADEKO FOR ACTION REPORTED FIVE MONTHS AGO AND
FIFTY ARE FOR INFO PAREN

SAGGED HAS DIRECTED THAT ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT WILL BE SET UP IN
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IF FRENCH MILITARY GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN SET UP AND WILL REPLACE IT

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W. S. LUCH
Brig.,
Ex. Commissioner

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Ref: SAS/EC

3 May 1945.

TO : ROMEO, ROMEO.

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Please despatch following signal:

"TOP SECRET and OPERATIONAL PRIORITY."

TO MILAN FOR HOPKINS FROM HQ ALCON FROM LUSH.

Your No.15 of 2 May. Pass following to CHITENDEN from STONE. SACRED has directed that Allied Military Government will be set up in all territory under his command that is to say all ITALY. If, therefore, French are found in occupation, AMG will be set up in the usual manner. If French Military Government has been set up, AMG will replace it.

M S. LUSH

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

COPY TO: CHIEF COMMISSIONER

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FROM: KRYCHAIN.

Orig. No. 15.

Serial No. 903
Date 2.5.45

IMMEDIATE.

Following for Brig LUSH, Allied Commission. Please pass to agreed recipients from HOPKINSON and MACLEAN.

Civil Affairs Officer Fourth Corps states that he has never received any instructions regard to attitude towards French should they be found in occupation of military in which Allied Military Government is to be established. We think it would be useful if it could be clearly laid down in advance what action Allied authorities should take if they find French Military Government installed. We should also like guidance ourselves. In this connection we would note that several French officers have already appeared in MILAN.

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Copy of Ex. Com's minute to GO re French Officers for N. Italy (file 572/30).

Chief Coordinator.

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1. 8 French officers left for the North on 28 April following your initial consent. No permission has yet been granted to General de Sevin to proceed.

2. I mentioned this to CAO and A/President yesterday, voiding
(a) the fears of the Italian Government; (b) the reports from HLO's;
(c) your concern.

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

2 May 45.

/s/ M. S. LUSH

Brig.
Ex. Com.

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AFM: FOR CHIEF OF STAFF, G-5, G-2, US POLAD, BRITISH RESERVE

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SEVERAL DAYS REPORTS THAT AS FOLLOWS COLON

ITEM ONE PD THERE ARE NO LONGER ANY GERMAN IN THE VAL D'ADRE PD THE
FRENCH ARE REPORTED TO HAVE FORMED A COMMITTEE OF LIBERATION IN THIS AREA
UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF A MAN KNOWN AS JACQUES ADRE UNITE AND HAVE DECLARED
THAT A PARLIAMENT WILL SOON BE HELD WHEN ALL MEN IN THE VALLEY SHALL BEFORE
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PAGE TO AFM FOR CHIEF OF STAFF CBA GEORGE FIVE CBA GEORGE TWO CBA
UNCLAS POLAD CBA AND BRITISH RESERVE FROM HQ ALGER CITE ASSOC FROM
AIRTEL STONE PAGE

ITEM TWO PD FRENCH TROOPS ARE EXPECTED TO ENTER COMED TODAY PD

ITEM THREE PD THERE IS INDICATION THAT THE FRENCH ARE BEHAVIORING TO
INFILTRATE A SMALL REGION WITH WILLIAM TANK COMMUNICATION TO THE GORDA AREA

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MEMO FOR CHIEF OF STAFF

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30 March 1945

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RE: CONFIDENTIAL CBI, FOUR FOUR SEVEN TWO OF THREE SEVEN PD

I HAVE CONSULTED AMERICAN AND BRITISH AMBASSADORS AND ADVISE ME IN MY FEARS

THAT THERE WILL BE GRAVE POLITICAL REPERCUSSIONS IF FURTHER INFO IS USED

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AFHQ FOR CHIEF OF STAFF

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ITALIAN NEWS AGENCY RELEASED STORY IN ROMAN LAST EVENING FOR FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS THAT ITALIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY HAD CONFIDENT WITH AMERICAN AMBASSADOR HERE POINTING OUT SERIOUS CONCERN OF THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT BECAUSE OF NEWS THAT DEGAULLE GOVERNMENT WAS BELIEVED TO BE IN CONTACT WITH ITALY TO
SAVED TO AVOID FOR CHIEF OF STAFF FROM HQ ALLIED COMMISSION STONE WHEN THE STORY FURTHER STATED THAT MARSHALL AND I HAD DISCUSSED SUBJECT WITH BRITISH MINISTER RECENTLY SO IT WAS KNOWN REPORTER BECAUSE OF LAST NIGHT AND AHEAD FOR MY COMMENT ON THE REPORTING DEGAULLE PLAN TO OCCUPY NORTH ITALY TERRITORY TO I REPLIED THAT I KNOW OF NO SUCH PLAN SO SOME ITALIAN PAPERS HAVE CARRIED LATER STATEMENT THIS MORNING WITHOUT REFERENCE TO CONFIDENTIALITY OF FOREIGN MINISTRY AND HAVE MENTIONED IT IF ITALIAN PAPERS HAD REFERENCE TO CONFIDENTIALITY THESE MINISTERS WILL NOT KNOWLEDGE OF ANY PLANS FOR FURTHER OCCUPATION

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MAR 29 1945

SUBJECT: Concentration of French troops at the French-Italian border.

TO: Chief of Staff, AFHQ.

1. Supplementing my letter CC 1007 of 20 March on the above subject, I have received an additional letter from the Prime Minister on this subject.

2. The Prime Minister is fearful of repercussions between both neo-Fascist elements and Patriots against French troops and urgently recommends that French forces not be employed in North-western Italy.

BY: [Signature]

ALBERT W. STUMM
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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THE PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

Rome, 25 March 1945.

PERSONAL

Dear Admiral:

I have just had an accidental conversation with the French Ambassador, Claude de Corville.

He confirmed that on the Italian frontier there are two French divisions, one of regular troops and the other of partisans. There are no Moroccan troops.

When I asked him about the eventual employment of these troops, he didn't give me a definite answer, but from his attitude I had the impression that it is not out of the question that they may march into Italy if war necessities should require it.

With this consideration, I would ask you, my dear Admiral, to see what can be done to prevent this, so as not to disturb the good relations which are about to be re-established between Italy and France.

Cordially,

(Signed) IVANIS DZASHI

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Admiral Henry H. Hens,
Chief Commissioner,
Allied Commission.

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CO 1007

26 March 1945.

MAR 26 1945

SUBJECT: Concentration of French troops at the French-Italian border.

TO : Chief of Staff, AFHQ.

1. The attached report on the above subject has been received from the Italian Government, which continues to express its concern over the possibility of French troops moving into the Valle d'Aosta.

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CLINT W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USN
Chief Commissioner

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Rome, March 24, 1945.

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SUBJECT: Concentration of French troops at the French-Italian border.

From a most reliable source we learn that the appearance of opposition to Italy on the part of the French authorities has recently been notably accentuated.

An anti-Italian organization has been created in Paris. Its head, Mr. Boustel, of the "Studies and Research Office", is directly responsible to General De Gaulle.

The newly formed French 2nd Army, composed of the 27th and 1st Alpine divisions and the 4th Moroccan division, is drawn up on the French-Italian border between Switzerland and the Ligurian Sea. Numerous contingents of recruits, well-armed and equipped largely with American material, are flowing into the adjacent rear areas.

There is definite information that French officers have been designated to fill pre-established posts in Italian districts. For example, a Captain has been designated "Chief of Military Security in Aosta". A few severe Italian extremists in French service have already entered Italian territory with the task of causing trouble at the proper moment and supplying pretexts for intervention.

Several plans of the city of Turin have been seen with the hotels and buildings to be requisitioned by French headquarters and troops indicated thereon.

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