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FRENCH ACTIVITIES, & INCIDENTS, ITAL-FRENCH FRONTIER
JUNE, JULY 1945

CSO

Gen. de Serin mentioned to me some weeks

ago the question of appointment of a French

Consular agent in Tunis. He mentioned the action

of an Officer now there who might be a point

of the General (a) that the application

for the appointment should be made to AC

(b) that the Officer mentioned would not be person

grate

Let us find out from our French A.O. what

the position is

DS/29/7

NOTE:

In view of signal at ¹⁹⁵ ~~198~~ no action being taken on ¹⁹⁴ ~~196~~

28.7.45.

CSO.

~~28~~ 197

28 FEB 1978

(b) that the Officer mentioned could not be person-

gular.

Let us find out from our French S.O. what

the position is

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NOTE:

In view of signal at ¹⁹⁵~~173~~ no action being taken on ¹⁹⁴~~173~~.

28.7.45.

CSO.

Sa O. to Chief Commissioner.

~~173~~ 197

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Enclosed is a letter for CC's signature to Dr. Prunas
in reply to his letter at folio ~~168~~ 174

173 28.7.45

28/7/45.

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

(Signed And Dated 30 July 45)

Signature

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CSO Please see 185 with reference to 183.
 186
 M. P. S. by for Card.
 185
 25 Feb.

CSO See 185, 187, 188
 I will inform the Chairman of the case of

27/11/45
 M. P. S. by for Card.
 185
 25 Feb.

Political Adviser (A)
 Ref files 187, 188 For your information a somewhat
 similar report was received through the British
 Embassy (see file 183); the Regional Commissioner
 comments on this in file 185.
 31 Feb 45

M. P. S. by for Card
 Seen by POLAD (A)

178.
1736177
Reference folder ~~1736177~~ the following drafts are submitted for approval -

- a. C.C.'s acknowledgment to Dr. Pinaras
- b. Ex. C's letter to Regional Commissioner, Piedmont.
2. Further to the opinions of Palaris & B. ¹⁷⁶⁻¹⁷⁷ the former C.S. AFHQ. in a telephone conversation this morning said that no general policy with regard to foreign consulates had been laid down and should this request be made it should be put up to ASHQ, as previously ¹⁷⁶⁻¹⁷⁷ (ASK 14/7)

~~178~~ 179

May's Memo. Drafts approved & amended.
Thank you. ¹⁷⁸ 14/7.

~~178~~ 180

Submitted in (a) acknowledgment to Dr. Pinaras for C.C.'s signature and (b) letter to R.C. Piedmont for Ex. C's signature

Subject to Appointment of French Consular Agency at Astor
1736177
and folder ~~1736177~~ and ¹⁷⁸ 179 ~~178~~ and ~~179~~ refer.

ASK 21/7.

¹⁷⁸ 26/7

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initialed are (a) acknowledgments to Dr. Rimmer for C.C.'s signature
and (b) letter to R.C. Richmond for Dr. C.'s signature

1736-1777
 1780, 1799
 Appointment of French Consular Agency at Porto
 and former ~~apostolic~~ and ~~monks~~ and ~~ref.~~

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Sec. B1

Executive Commissioner.

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1. Reference Chief Commissioner's minute ~~119~~ I am informed by Mr. McBride, American Political Adviser, and Mr. Halford, British Political Adviser, that both the American and British Embassies have approached Dr. Prunas in regard to signal at 119 and that Dr. Prunas has assured the Embassies that he will give appropriate instructions to the press. Mr. McBride tells me that the State Department quite independently raised this subject and told the American Embassy to take this action themselves. You will also see from Major Stearns' minute 122 that AFHQ emphasize that the Allied Commission should not approach the Italian Government but it should be done by the Embassies. The right action has therefore been taken and I suggest that you ask the Chief Commissioner to reconsider his instruction to draft a letter to Parri.

2. Draft signal to RCs is attached for your approval.

20 June 1945.

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Lt. Col.
C. S. C.

132

Chief Commissioner.

Embassies have already informed 2.6 sec
requested by AFHQ. RCs informed — (135)
Submit no action to Parri against
MS (28/6)

138
Noted & agreed to by CC

30.03

(Seen - 132 by C.S. to
FOID 135 — 26 Jun 45)

22/6

TO : AFHQ for G-5 (FOR ACTION)

repeated 5th ARMY

15 Army Group

IV Corps

1st Armored Div

34 Inf Div

6 SA Armored Div (TRPO)

(107)

IS Corps signal 1915 of 15 June refers. Urge that their customary grazing rights be arranged without delay. Apart from economic loss in slaughtering 3000 head of cattle the political implications are serious and may easily lead to disorder.

See Signal sent at (2) - (2) - (124)

E.W.S.

(A base minutes extracted from 15/6/6)

C30.

See 126

See 126

2/6. 2/6.

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EC

Pls draft letter to Paris
Subscriptions "RC's"

2/6

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(A horse never to be contracted from 15/000)

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C.9.C. *Quercus laevis* - *Quercus nigra* 2.

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71 21/6

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Pls draft letter to Paris
Subscriptions " RC's

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Excerpt

Spoke with British Ambassador B. Allen

will contact him his Ambassador

Everyone with a view to having

the Ambassador to represent the

Ministry of Foreign Affairs. This

sets out in this difficulty of there

being two PMs at the moment, and

it should be as in the PM's job.

PMs will let me know.

18/11.

12/11

Chief Commissioner

Action also seems sound. RCs in note

should also be required & this will do

In fact the Italian Press so far has

the Ambassador to represent the
Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The
facts and the difficulty of these
being how PM at the moment, and
it should be in his hands.
PM also let me know.

18/6.

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Chief Commission

Action when seems sound. RCs in note
should also be improved & then I will do

In fact the Italian Press as far as

made little comment. MS 18/6

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Note: Col Mitchell called at 1205 (18 June) regarding
this cable F94920 to emphasize the point that
official information on the French withdrawal
situation must be given only through the
Embassy and not by the Head Commission 3801
to the other Govt. 18 June.

Exec Commr

Please see S. 107 latest on French situation.

15 June 45.

E.S.M.

S.T.
15/6

Chief Commissioner

Please see S. 107 and draft telegram. I regret delay in submission for action is required urgently.

M.S.L.
18/6

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Ex Commr

I do not know where to

have seen 114

117/6

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M.S.L.
18/6

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Excerpt

John R. Kinn whole yr

Kinn L. 114

SS 16/6

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P.A. For discussion with en 10/10/6

~~117~~ 117

P11 was sent because SCAT & Army had

expressed some intention of taking over from

French with due form & ceremony

W 19/6

- 11/12/6 - 3800

INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: OSI A 100
Date/Time of Origin: JUL 29/1945

Message Centre No: 2/1953
Date Time Rec'd: JUL 30/1945
Precedence: OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

FROM: OSI DISTRO
TO: ALCOM CITE AGREE

JUL 30 1945

~~SECRET~~

CONFIDENTIAL

~~SECRET~~

Subject French representatives in FRIEDRICH and LIGURIA. Reference your signal INLA dated 27 July.

1. Have already taken up question of French LOC in AOSTA 5/22 TRIN and VENTIMILLA with ALCOM ADV HQ requesting them to maintain status quo until all particulars have been discussed.

2. JOO DISTRO wishes to hear views of regional Commissioners and to talk with GEN MOYER in very near future before giving final views.

3. Nothing known of consular officials. please clarify

See 202.

HEADQUARTERS
30 JUL 1945
A. C.

CONFIDENTIAL

DISE

INFO : MR COMMISSIONER (2)

INFO : CHIEF COMMISSIONER
FOCAL (A)
FOCAL (B)
FILE (2)
FOCAL

~~SECRET~~

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(S/Comm (Lanc))
A. C. No. 100

~~SECRET~~

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
LIGURIA REGION

~~SECRET~~

25th July 1945

LIG/HQ/119

SUBJECT : Liaison Officers - French

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission (Att. Civil Affairs Sec).

1. With further reference to this Headquarters LIG/HQ/119 of 24 Jul 45, I have since received a letter from the MILAN office of Allied Commission (copy of which is enclosed) stating that permission for Lt. Col. ROMARETTI to remain at VENTIMIGLIA was granted by IV Corps.
2. The enclosed letter was the first time I had heard of any such agreement and I am informing Provincial Commissioner, IMPERIA Province. I presume that the further information being sent regarding this agreement may contain some details as to the duration of the stay of any French Officers at VENTIMIGLIA.

M. Carr,
Brigadier,
Regional Commissioner.

MC/80h

MILAN OFFICE
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394

198 Z
23 July 1945

Ref. AC/ ADV.4.1.

SUBJECT: LIASON OFFICERS.

TO : Regional Commissioner, Liguria Region.

1. The Intelligence Section of the 2 District IV Corps has called my attention to the existence of an agreement among the American Command of the IV Corps and the French General Doyen, commanding the Detachment of the Army of the Alpes permitting the following French Officers to remain at the locations indicated as liaison officers:

At Aosta -	Major Michelet
At Tenda -	Major Gaynard
At Susa -	Capt. Fraisse
At Ventimiglia -	Col. Romanetti

2. Further information regarding this agreement will be forwarded within the near future.

3. A complete list of all the liaison officers is given for your information although we realise you are interested only in the Liguria Region.

FOR THE DEPUTY EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER:

/S/ James WM. Cunliffe

JAMES WM. CUNLIFFE
Major A.G.D.
Executive Officer

Information copy to
G.S.I. 2 District.

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INCOMING MESSAGE *197*

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISS.

Originator's Reference: P 129

Date/Time of Origin: JULY 280930Z

Message Centre No: E/1644

Date Time Rec'd: JULY 281320Z

Precedence: IMMEDIATE

FROM: HQ PIEMONTE SIGNED MARSHAL

TO : HQ ALSCA FOR ACEXE

JUL 28 1945

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SECRET

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CONFIDENTIAL

1. Your number 2614 of 27 July refers.
2. It is the very firm opinion of this hq that neither French consular nor liaison representatives serve any useful purpose in AOSTA or CUNEO Provinces.
3. Their presence is not only undesirable but their immediate relief would have a distinct beneficial effect and eliminate to a large extent several rather difficult situations.

Dist

ACTION

Action - Exec Comm 2
Info - Chief Commissioner
POLAD A
POLAD B
File 2
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(S/Comm. Plan)

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
LIGURIA REGION

SECRET

24th July 1945

LIG/HQ/119

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JUL 28 1945

SUBJECT : Relations with the French.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission (Att. Vice President,
Civil Affairs Section)

1. I have visited recently the area of the 14 Communes in the Western end of IMPERIA Province where Allied troops relieved the French on 10th July.
2. I found ~~that~~ on 21st July, the date of my visit to VENTIMIGLIA, that there is still a French Headquarters established in that town and that this H.Q. flies the French flag. The Headquarters consists of Lt. Col. ROMANETTI who was the French administrator in the area, and three other French Officers with some clerical staff. The three French Officers are: an engineer, a finance and a medical Officer.
3. When the hand-over took place the Provincial Commissioner of IMPERIA Province agreed that Lt. Col. ROMANETTI should remain for some five days after the 10th July.

I have instructed the Provincial Commissioner, IMPERIA Province, to contact the Commander of the French Division concerned and to request from him information as to the proposed date for the closing down of this French Headquarters at VENTIMIGLIA.

4. Any further development will be reported at once to your H.Q.

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M. CAHR,
Brigadier,
Regional Commissioner.
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DISTRO, BUREAU, COMBINATION DISTRICT AND LIAISON FOR ACTION
RECEIVED 2-5 AM, AND LIAISON FOR VIEWS FOR INFORMATION

2644 27 May 48 Operational Priority

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SUBJ OF IS FRANK REPRESENTATIVES WITH COMBINATION AND LIAISON IN AGOSTA CMA
YINTECHIA AND THODA TO

PAGE TO DISTRO CMA BUREAU COMBINATION DISTRICT AND LIAISON FOR ACTION
RECEIVED 2-5 AM, AND LIAISON FOR VIEWS FOR INFORMATION FROM
REPRESENTATIVES ALONG WITH MORE PAGE

FOR VIEWS AS TO DELEGATION OF POWER OF FRANK REPRESENTATIVES IN THESE
TERRITORIES ARE CURRENTLY REQUESTED TO

Internal Distribution: Pol. Ad. (A)
Pol. Ad. (B)
Total Sec

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See #11
See 20b.

Executive Commissioner's Office

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/s/ E. T. T. T.
Lieut. Col.

3:54

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AMC PLENNES

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PRIORITY

CONFIDENTIAL FR

REMARKS YOUR ORDER CGL TWO SIX OF TWO FIVE JULY PD
PARAN TO AMC PLENNES FROM HQ ALCON CGL ADAME PARAN

187 FURTHER REPORT RECEIVED THROUGH AMERICAN EMBASSY ALLEGES THAT
ACTS OF VIOLENCE INCLUDING ^{SHAVING OF HEADS} LYNNING AND HAIR CUTTING OCCURRED
IN LINDA AND LA BRIGUE FOLLOWING EVACUATION BY FRENCH TROOPS PD
REQUEST YOU REPORT WHETHER ANY TRUTH IN THESE STATEMENTS

Copy to:

POLAD (A)

Public Safety S/C.

CC

Office of Exec. Commr.

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Sr. Coord.

See M192

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3:30 PM 8/8
orig.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the Chief Commissioner
APO 394

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27 July 1945.
JUL 30 1945

To: Executive Commissioner.

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Re the attached, memorandum should be prepared for the American Ambassador. I assure that the report is grossly inaccurate.

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MILITARY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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Enc. - CC copy ltr 17 July 45 fr
US POLAD to Exec Comm.

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see M186 L192

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of Political Adviser (A)

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July 17, 1945

JUL 25 1945

To: Executive Commissioner's Office
Subject: Transmitting Copy of Message from Paris

There is attached hereto for your information
a copy of a message which has been received from
the American Embassy in Paris regarding alleged
reign of terror in Italian villages of Tende and
La Brigue following evacuation of French troops.

Robert H. McBride

Robert H. McBride
Political Adviser (A)

See 28

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136 to 192

see 316/17

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(CSO)

(Copy furnished for cc files)

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The following is a paraphrase of a telegram sent from Paris on July 13, 1945.

An alleged reign of terror in the Italian villages of Tende and La Brigue, following the evacuation of French troops on Monday is described in an article, featured prominently on the first page of this morning's Pro-Government LES NOUVELLES, and written by its special correspondent in Nice. "Fascist" police who have taken over administration of area have taken brutal measures of reprisal against members of population accused of collaborating with French, according to article. Article speaks of lynchings and shaving heads of girls, and expresses astonishment that Americans appear to have closed their eyes to what is going on.

Announced that a delegation from two towns is leaving from Grenoble to interview General Doyen, and for Paris to request General de Gaulle to intervene personally.

Sent Washington as 4206 and repeated to Rome as 142.

Several articles have appeared in press recently discussing French background and language of inhabitants of Val d'Aosta. Italian decision to grant autonomy to this valley has also been given considerable prominence.

CAPTEBY

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INCOMING MESSAGE
HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: 126

Date/Time of Origin: JULY 25 1030Z

Message Centre No: F/1234

Date/Time Rec'd: JULY 25 1730

Precedence: IMPORTANT

FROM: HQ PIEDMONT SIGNED MARSHALL

TO: HQ AC FOR POL AD (BRITISH)

JUL 26 1945

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Para 1. Your 2434 of 24 July 45 refers.

Para 2. Subject, and innumerable similar and related cases, are having constant attention Provincial Officers to the end that all details shall be settled on the ground by individuals of both nationalities who are directly concerned.

Para 3. This practice has prevailed for many years and should be continued. Attention at such high level mentioned in your signal can only magnify unduly matters which in themselves are only petty and strictly local. Matter has already been presented by General DOYER to HQ 5 ARMY to this HQ which emphasizes this point.

DIST

ACTION EXAC COMMISSIONER 2
INFO CHIEF COMMISSIONER
POLAD (A)
POLAD (B)
FILE

HEADQUARTERS
25 JUL 1945
A. C.

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MB 66192
see 713716

See also 32319

(S/C (KAY))

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MEMORANDUM

S.S.

24 July 45.

Priority.

CONFIDENTIAL PD

POL AD PARIS BRITISH POLICE HAS BEEN APPROACHED BY NUMBER OF PERSONS
ANONYMOUSLY REQUESTING REPORTS FROM PARIS THAT ITALIAN RECONSTRUCTION VETERANS OF
FRENCH FROM THEIR AREA TO BRASH THEIR FEELINGS ON FRENCH TERRITORY AT YVOLA SO
THAT IN JERUSALEM CONSIDERABLE NUMBER OF PERSONS HAVE BEEN KILLED

AGREE PARIS

PLEASE INVESTIGATE AND LET US HAVE REPORT BY EARLY PD

see 185

Internal Mail: Pol. Ad. (A).
Pol. Ad. (B).

b/v

Office of Executive Commissioner.

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Lieut. Col.

3/7
Noted

PA
3/8/45

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CSO to Executive Commissioner

JUL 23 1945

Subject: Reports of incidents on Franco-Italian frontier.

M. de Beaumarchais of the French Embassy came to see me today. He told me that his Ambassador had received reports from Paris to the effect that the Italians were exploiting the withdrawal of French troops from the Tenda area to graze their flocks on French territory at a locality called Isola which, though in France, is on the Italian slope of the mountain-range. This territory was expropriated by the Fascists in 1940 and the present Italian action, if the reports were correct, would be nothing more than the endorsement of Fascist policy in the area.

2. M. Courte de Marville wished to emphasize that these were only rumors, but he was most anxious that any situation which might develop into an "incident" should be nipped in the bud.

3. Would you please arrange therefore the Regional Commissioner to investigate these stories and let us have a report?

for

Kelford

Asst. Political Advisor (CS)

19.vii.45

Copied to U.S. Polad,
British Embassy.

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(CSO)

See folio 184

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CONFIDENTIAL

25 July 45.

Ref: 581/175/SG.

SUBJECT: Appointment of French Consular Agency at AOSTA.

TO : Regional Commissioner,
Piemonte Region.

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1. An unconfirmed report has been received at this ISJ that the French Government intends to ask the Allied Commission for permission to establish a Consular Agency at AOSTA.
2. Such a French Consular Agent could become the centre for subversive activity and his mere presence might be provocative. On the other hand, if they have no official representative, the French have undoubtedly their supporters among the inhabitants with whom they can deal clandestinely through agents.
3. I shall be grateful if you will carefully consider the matter and let me know your views on the desirability of establishing an official French representative in Aosta with whom you would be able to deal when necessary.

15/6 T. B. COT

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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584/174/15.

30 July 1945.

My dear Dr. Prunas:

174.

Thank you for your letter 13004/29 of 16 July 1945. I have taken note of the views your Government would hold should the report to which you refer be confirmed.

The Allied Commission has received no request from the French Government, or through the French representative in Rome, to establish a Consular Agency at Aosta.

Since the Province of Aosta is under Allied Military Government, any request to establish a foreign Consular Agency there would be addressed to the Allied Commission, in accordance with the customary procedure in respect to other Allied Military Government territory.

Yours very truly,

/s/ ELLERY W. STONE

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USN
Chief Commissioner

Dr. Renato Prunas,
Ministry for Foreign Affairs,
Italian Government,
Rome.

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JUL 23 1945

Executive Memorandum

The Division of the Southern Hemisphere can be considered as a main place in a matter for the movement of the country, in this case official officer. However, the general authority to agree to the appointment of consular officers in this territory has been received from the State Department and this point must be decided.

In this particular instance I think it is desirable that permission should be granted. A French Consular Agent will undoubtedly act as a source for subversive activities among the "of" population and his presence will be provocative. On the other hand, the French have undoubtedly their supporters among the population with whom they will deal clandestinely through agents if they have no official representation. It might also be considered as an official to have some official French representation with whom they can deal. I should be inclined to ask the opinion of the Central Intelligence and State by this view.

J. I. Hopkins

Political Advisor (S)

17.11.45

Copy to: Political Advisor (S)

File 175.1000

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(Mrs. Norton)

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JUL 22 1945

ALLIED COMMISSION HEADQUARTERS
Office of Political Adviser (A)

To : Executive Commissioner
Subject: Appointment of French Consular Agent at Aosta

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Reference is made to Foreign Ministry's letter of July 16, 1945, to the Chief Commissioner informing him of a report that the French Government has decided to establish a consular agency at Aosta, and to the Executive Commissioner's memorandum of July 20 requesting comments of Political Advisers.

It is suggested that in reply the Chief Commissioner thank the Secretary General of the Foreign Ministry for the information and for his Government's views, and inform him that no request of this nature has been received from the French representative in Rome or the French Government. Since the Province of Aosta is under Allied Military Government, (it is assumed that) any request to establish a foreign consular agency in that territory would be addressed to the Allied Commission in accordance with customary procedure in respect to other Allied Military Government territory.

B/0 when reply sent (B)
recd from J. Wesley Jones
J. Wesley Jones

Rome, July 20, 1945

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Ref: 735

20 July 1945.

Ref: 581/169/NO.

SUBJECT: Appointment of Consular Agent at AOSTA.

TO : Polad (A)
Polad (B)

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Attached hereto is copy of translation of letter dated
16 July from the Ministry for Foreign Affairs. Your comments
would be appreciated.

Chief Staff Officer,
To Executive Commissioner.

Incl:

ltr fr Min for For. Affairs,
No. 13024/29 dtd 16 Jul 45.

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Translation

State Department
The Secretary General

15024/29

Rome, 10 July 1945

JUL 18 1945

Dear Admiral,

I think I must draw your attention on an information according to which the French Government has decided to appoint a 'Consular Agent' at Aosta: it appears that it means to justify this action by saying it is necessary to proceed to the exchange of the former French francs, lately replaced by newly issued banknotes, which are still in the possession of the inhabitants of the Valle d'Aosta.

As you well know, French occupation of Italian territories has only been eliminated now, after difficult negotiations; it made a great impression on public opinion and created well-founded preoccupations; it is therefore obvious that in the interest of all, all manifestations which might once more raise this difficult question or cause new claims or apprehensions must now be avoided. On the other hand, we can see no reason why the French Government should open a consular representation in Aosta, where there has never been any French Consular Agent up to now; this order would certainly not help to bring about relaxation and cordiality in the relations between the front or populations, which the Italian Government is constantly and confidently aiming at, within the general frame of Italo-French friendship.

This is the reason why I wanted you to know about the information received by us.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

S. P. Prunas

Su 175

Admiral Henry G. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
Rome

EC Hist - 18 JULY 45

Action Exec Comm

INFO: Same Comm

POLAD (A)

POLAD (B) 1251

o/s

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R. MINISTERO DEGLI AFFARI ESTERI
IL SEGRETARIO GENERALE

Roma, 16 LUG 1945

10324

Caro Ammiraglio,

ritengo opportuno segnalare alla Sua cortese attenzione una informazione secondo la quale il Governo francese avrebbe deciso di nominare un proprio "Agente consolare" ad Aosta ed intenderebbe giustificare una tale misura con la necessità di provvedere al cambio dei vecchi franchi francesi di recente sostituiti da biglietti di nuova emissione, in possesso degli abitanti della Valle d'Aosta.

L'occupazione francese di territori italiani, che appena ora, come Ella ben sa, si è potuta eliminare in seguito a laboriose trattative, ha molto commosso l'opinione pubblica e ha destato fondate preoccupazioni, ed è quindi evidente l'interesse generale di evitare ormai qualsiasi nuova manifestazione suscettibile di sollevare ancora una volta l'ineresciosa questione e di provocare nuovi allarmi e spreSSIONI. Non si vede d'altra parte quale motivo possa indurre il Governo francese ad aprire una sua rappresentanza consolare ad Aosta, dove mai sino ad oggi è esistito un Agente Consolare francese: il provvedimento non servirebbe quindi certamente ad ottenere quella distensione degli animi e quella cordialità di rapporti tra le popolazioni di confine a cui, nel quadro generale dell'amicizia italo-francese, il Governo

All'Ammiraglio BERRY W. STONE
Capo della Commissione Alleata

= ROMA =

Sum 174.30

CONFIDENTIAL

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JULY 131800B

R/9575
JULY 140830
PRIORITY

JUL 14 1945

CG IV CORPS
CG 5TH ARMY, AFHQ, ALCOM, 34 INF DIV, 6 SA ARMD DIV.

CONFIDENTIAL.

05: AMB completed setting up in TENDA-BRIGA MB717 area. 16 PRO-French Italians taken to CORR barracks in TENDA for protection, went to FRANCE yesterday at own request. (Frontier Sitrep number 149 closing 131800B.)

DIST

ACTION - INFO COMMISSIONER 2
INFO - CHIEF COMMISSIONER
POLAD (A)
POLAD (B)
CAS
PH BR
FILE

HEADQUARTERS

Action up 151/20 5am 14/7

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CG 378 AMB, 3782, 3783, 34 107 DIV, 3 12 1000 DIV.

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Frontier atrep number 138 closing 1024008. 32: Only small detachment French troops remaining in BRICK WOOD will move out 1, 13-
liaved on 11 July. 32: THIS AREA IS 70 area clear. Progress of French
movement out of VENTIMILIA 3 2787 not known due to failure of
communications.

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IV CORPS

CG 5 ARMY AFHQ. ALGER, 34 INF DIV, 6 MA ARMED DIV.

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G5: report from 315 738 stat that reprisals by PRO-Italian against Pro-French are expected to take place at TENDA 08718 on 10 July. (Frontier strip number 136 closing 101200Z.)

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CG IV BOMBS

CG FIFTH ARMY, AMS, ALGOL, 34 INF DIV, 6 SA AND DIV

JUL 10 1945

CONFIDENTIAL. Frontier sitrep 134 closing 092400Z

CG: Col WIDENSPACH-THOR, French Army, advises provincial commissioner of CURRO province that the French are leaving at 0900 hours 10 July for S. He also stated that he thought the handover would be quiet and unspectacular regarding the population. The only place where trouble is likely to arise is REMALO 189714 where almost the entire population of 400 made request that they desire French citizenship. It is reported that ex-partisans of brigands now in the hills intend to visit village when French leave and destroy or burn village. It is intended to send the bulk of the CGM to this area and also 2 plain clothes CGM to ascertain if there is any foundation in report

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JUL 9 1945

TO: CG 5 ARMY, AFHQ, ALCON, 34 INF DIV, 6th CA ARMD DIV

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02: 1 Bn 29 RTA left LIMONE at 081500B. Destination is VIEVOLA (N 8524) which they will leave today and move to ANELIBO FRANCE. (Frontier sitrep number 131 closing 090700B).

03: GP 135 Infantry opened vicinity J 0114 at 081545B.

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IV CORPS

CG 5 ARMY, AFHQ, ALCOM, 34 INF DIV, 6 SA ARMED DIV

JUL 9 1945

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G3: 1 Company 92 Engr Bn (French) in process of leaving LIMONE (N 8030). Being replaced by 1 platoon of 168 Inf. (Frontier sitrep number 129 closing 081800G).

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WELLS G2 CG IV CORPS
CG 5TH ARMY, AFHQ, ALGER, 34 INF DIV, 6 SA ARMD DIV.

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G2: No further information concerning rumor of planned civilian trouble in IMPERIA. Troops in area investigating. (Frontier Sitrep number 126 closing 072400B). G3: A schedule has been arranged by the French to complete evacuation of French troops from ITALY by 11 July. G5: Ntr.

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HEADQUARTERS IV CORPS
Civil Affairs Section
APO 304

3 July 1945
JUL 8 1945

SITREP Number 33

PIEMONTE REGION

FRENCH SITUATION

LANDONI Amedeo, sentenced to three months imprisonment in France by French Military court for striking French Sergeant, reported to have been released and returned to Aosta Valley.

POLITICAL SITUATION

Meeting held at REFRANCORE, Asti Province, between representatives of parties and A.M.G. Officer regarding readministration of the Commune by a single party. New Sindaco and Giunta Comunale agreed upon and recommended to Prefect for appointment.

PUBLIC SAFETY

No Allied Petrole, as far as known, operating in any area of Asti Province.

FOR THE SENIOR CIVIL AFFAIRS OFFICER:

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JULY 5/0840B
OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

IV CORPS WELLS

CG 5 ARMY, 15 ARMY GP, AFHQ, ALCOM, 1ST ARMD DIV, 34 INF DIV, 6 SA ARMD DIV

JUL 5 1945

CONFIDENTIAL.

G5: On 25 June provincial Commissioner IMPERIA made arrangements with local French forces to establish Allied Military Government in French occupied territory in IMPERIA on 10 July. Frontier sitrep number 112 closing 041200B

G2: Nothing to report

G3: Nothing to report

REF

INFO-ACTION :EX COMMISSIONER (2)

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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

IV CORPS WELLS G-2

CO 5 ARMY, 15 ARMY GP, AMBQ, ALCOM, 1ST ARMED DIV, 34 INF DIV, 6 SA ARMED DIV
JUL 4 1945

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G-5: Noticeable decrease in french personnel attempting to enter UTRIN
observed in past week. Majority are night sears who are turned back. Frontier
sitrep number 108 closing 031200g

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OF PRIORITY
JUL 3 - 1945

IV CORPS

CG 5 ARMY, 15 ARMY GP, AFHQ, ALCON, 1st ARMD DIV, 34 INF DIV,
5 SA ARMD DIV.

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G-3: At 021300Z, 6 SA ARMD Div, relieved 3 Bn, 133 Inf VIC
SUSA H5440.

G-5: Unconfirmed report indicates French agreed to reimburse
Italians for damages caused by French occupation.

Frontier Sitrep number 105 closing 021800Z.

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JULY 011800

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IV CORPS

CG 5 ARMY, 15 ARMY GP, AFHQ, AICOM, 1st ARMED DIV, 34 INF DIV, 6 SA ARMED DIV

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Q3: 20 French soldiers stationed at ruined hospice a few yards inside Italian frontier at LITTLE ST BERNARD C 4602. (Frontier sitrep number 101 closing 011800H).

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JUL 1-1945

CG IV CORPS

CG 5 ARMY, 19 ARMY GP, AFHQ, ALCON, 1 ST ARMD DIV, 34 INF DIV, 6
3A ARMD DIV.

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G3: 2 BN 159 ALPINE REGT left for FRANCE 301030B. Last Engr
Co left for FRANCE 301200B. All French units now cleared from EUSA
Area. (Frontier Sitrep No 98 closing 302400B).

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CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
APO 304

27 June 1945.

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25 June 1945.

SITREP Number 28

PIEMONTE REGION

French Situation

In Aosta Province evacuation of French troops completed.
P.C. has been informed officially by the French Chief of Staff that LANDONI has been sentenced to three months imprisonment. The Chief of Staff believed LANDONI is serving the sentence at BRIANCON. The sentence represents a very favourable reduction on the five year sentence that it was strongly rumoured had been given LANDONI.

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The situation in SUS is almost normal again.

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JUN 30 1945

WELLS G-2 CG IVO CORPS.

CG 5TH ARMY, 15TH ARMY GRP, AFHQ, ALCON, 1ST ARMED DIV, 34 INF DIV,

6TH SA ARMED DIV.

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02: All French in SUSIA Area have left for FRANCE except 2 Battalion,
159 INFANTRY at BUSOLENO H6240 and 1 Company Engr at SUSIA H5240.
(Frontier Sitrep number 94 closing 292400B).

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JUN 29 1945

IV CORPS

CG 5TH ARMY, 15 ARMY GRP, AFHQ, ALCON, 1ST ARMD DIV, 34 INF DIV,
6 SA ARMD DIV.

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G2: 1 BN 159 INF crossed border today into FRANCE. 3 BN 159:
some elements crossed today, remainder tomorrow. All Arty BNS moved
to HARDONECCHIA K4318 today, will cross tomorrow. After clearance,
only troops left will be 2 BN 159 INF and 1 Company Engineers. They
will move Saturday. (Frontier Sitrep number 89 closing 281800B.) G3:
we pulled in road block of the Platoon of K Company 168 INFANTRY Regiment
from CRISBOLO N585910.

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HEADQUARTERS IV CORPS
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
APO 304

26 June 1945.

JUN 29 1945

SPECIAL SITREP

Major RONNIE, IV Corps Security Officer, to
Col. WALKER 25 June 1945.

During a visit to Turin on 22nd June I learned that two or three days previously, two Russian officers called at the headquarters of Piemonte Region and saw Capt. Micklewright, a British Executive officer. They had come from the USSR (Russian) Transient camp at Modena and were representing CCP., USSR, for repatriation of the Soviet citizens. They were in possession of a leave pass signed by (believed) a British Major which did not indicate any place of destination. Capt. Gorcewvassily (the other officer was a Major but I do not know his name) asked for transport to assist them in their work, and when he was told that it was regretted that none was available he adopted a rather truculent attitude. Capt. Micklewright, realizing the need for tact and discretion, took the officers to Colonel Marshall and Col. Selby and all three officers remained in the room during the subsequent interview. (Capt. Micklewright made short hand notes). Colonel Marshall eventually told them that as officers and soldiers they would appreciate the fact that as they are unable to produce any orders or travel authority it was difficult for him to provide facilities. To this they agreed and left the building.

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Inasmuch as it is highly possible that these two individuals are on the loose and are not representatives of any mission at all, it is suggested that CIC investigate.

At Vercelli, where the Third Battalion of the 105th French Infantry is located, ten shots were fired at a French patrol 2100 hours, 24 June.

The same day, 2150 hours, a hand grenade was thrown just after the French troops had passed on the Venus-Susa road. In the same place at 2300 hours on the same day, 30 rounds, light machine gun, were fired but directed at no individual. There was some additional shooting twenty minutes later. In no case did French troops return fire, and there were no casualties. Colonel Regent, AMG, and the French Commanding Officer agreed on the imposition of a curfew beginning at 2200 hours, ending at 0500 hours.

IT WAS REPORTED by the Provincial Commissioner of Aosta Province that he had discussed the LANDONI case with the Divisional Chief of Staff of the French troops in the area. He was assured that the previous reports that LANDONI had been sentenced to five years had been erroneous and that he had been sentenced to only three months and is now in jail at Bienton.

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
PROVINCE OF VERCELLI
Telephone Nos.
2490-1-2-3-4

DEPARTMENT PS/VP/Sec. VERCELLI, 17 June 1945
TO: Exec Off (E) HQ Piemonte Region AMG.

SUBJECT: Unauthorized Missions.

1. Reference IV Corps letter dated 7 June on the above subject, a Russian Lieut. ALIFERENKO Vessili, reported to this office today requesting transport to allow him to his tour of Lombardia - Veneto - Piemonte for the purpose of collecting Soviet Citizens.

2. Apparently he left Modena some days ago in a civilian car driven by an Italian and at Parma the civilian driver had absconded with the vehicle. Cautiously enough instead of returning to Modena, the Lieut continued his tour by 'hitch hiking' and on arrival in Vercelli decides to request transport from A.M.G.

3. The officer is accompanied by a young girl interpreter, he only speaking little Italian, and produced a pass signed by a Major Shavin(American) of the USSR (Russian) Transient Camp, Modena., the pass stating that he was engaged in 'rounding up Russians'.

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/s/ F. Scalfi, Capt.
/t/ F. SCALFE, Capt.
PPSO Vercelli

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CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
APO 304

26 June 1945.

JUN 29 1945

SITREP Number 27

PIEMONTE REGION

24 June 1945.

French Situation

In Aosta Province French Farewell ceremonial parade passed off without incident in presence of Corps Commander, GOC 2 S. Div. and Generals Doyon and Moll.

Attached hereto is copy of report of Provincial Commissioner Turin Province on SUS. explosion incident as at 1115 hours 25 June 45.

At 1600 hours 25 June report was received from the Commander CC.RR in Piemonte, that CC.RR in SUS. had been arrested by the French.

At 1700 hours the same day, the PPSO Turin Province, reported the facts as three CC.RR's, in defiance of orders that they do not appear on the streets in uniform, went out fully armed and were immediately disarmed and returned to their barracks. The PPSO further reported that a meeting has been held today 25 June between French and Allied Officials, who parted with great cordiality. The explosion appears to have been caused by a German booby trap contraption and the French have agreed to allow agents of the Questura to investigate.

Public Safety

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Communications

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Communications

Roads. Cogno Works interested in repairing blown stretch of Great S. Bernard road with view to transporting coal from Switzerland.
Railways. Railway's estimate of time to repair broken bridge at IVREA two months.

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Action copy to 1st Army Staff 10 June 1945

ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
GOVERNO MILITARE ALLEATO

TURIN PROVINCE
PROVINCIA DI TORINO

PALAZZO DEL GOVERNO
TORINO

June 25, 1945

SUBJECT: French Situation

TO : Regional Commissioner - Piemonte Region
AMG - APO 394 U.S. Army.

1. Supplemental report as of 11,15 hours on the twenty-fifth of June, 1945, at Susa.
2. At 4.00 PM on the twenty-fourth of June 1945, French authorities lifted the twenty-hour curfew, and civilians were allowed to circulate in the street without obtaining special pass. However, the curfew from 2200 to 0500 hours remains in force.
3. The order of the French Divisional Commander that no CC RR will be allowed on the streets in uniform or armed is still being strictly enforced.
4. As of 0900 hours this morning the French agreed to allow civil investigators from the Italian civil authorities to investigate the incident. Major Mighall has been requested to immediately dispatch the investigators.
5. French military personnel have arrested during the course of the evening civilians, and conducted interrogation. The number of people arrested is not yet known. At about 7.15 PM June 24, French authorities requested from A.M.G. officer, Capt. Scott, permission to interrogate carabinieri concerning the shooting on the street at about 19.00 hours, on June 23. Capt. Scott agreed to this interrogation. The interrogation was conducted and, apparently, continued throughout the night.
6. Feeling running very high between the French and civilians. Armed patrols of Frenchmen bustle about town with an apparent air of disrespect.
7. Strong representations were made by A.M.G. officer Capt.

3. The order of the French Divisional Commander that no CC RR will be allowed on the streets in uniform or armed is still being strictly enforced.
4. As of 0900 hours this morning the French agreed to allow civil investigators from the Italian civil authorities to investigate the incident. Major Mignall has been requested to immediately dispatch the investigators.
5. French military personnel have arrested during the course of the evening civilians, and conducted interrogation. The number of people arrested is not yet known. At about 7.15 PM June 24, French authorities requested from A.M.G. officer, Capt. Scott, permission to interrogate carabinieri concerning the shooting on the street at about 19.00 hours, on June 23. Capt. Scott agreed to this interrogation. The interrogation was conducted and, apparently, continued throughout the night.
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 - (a) The arrest and interrogation of civilians without the knowledge of the Civil Affairs Officer.
 - (b) the order prohibiting the carabinieri to perform their duty in the locality.
8. Bailey bridge between Road Block No5 (French) and Road Block No15 (American), which was removed by the French on the twenty third, has not as yet been restored. On questioning French promised to restore it but claim there is considerable work to be done to restore it. CAO reports that they are, apparently, not making a real effort to get the bridge in.
9. Nothing further to report at this time.

:s: H.M.FIORE 3460
Lt.Col., AUS
Provincial Commissioner

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CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
APO 304

25 June 1945.

SITREP Number 26.

PIEMONTE REGION

22 June 1945.

French Situation

All French troops evacuated Lower Valley, Aosta Province. A total of 15,300 kilos of salt has been distributed by French throughout the valley.

Public Safety

In Aosta Province inspections indicate that the Partisans employed by Communes as regularly employed municipal guards do not function well. They are being relieved and disbanded in all but two or three communes. Public Order is excellent.

At 0600 hours on 17 June, Aosta Province, three bodies were recovered from the canal at PONTI S. MARTINO. They have been identified as father, mother and daughter each of whom had been shot through the head. The son of the family had been a member of the GNR and had escaped and the crime is believed to be political.

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Legal

Special Courts of Assizes in session at Aosta and Ivrea.

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PIEMONTE REGION

23 June 1945.

French Situation

In Aosta Province evacuation of French troops continued according to plan. At Little S. Bernard frontier French destroyed one magazine. Assurance given that no further demolition would take place on Italian soil. Situation calm.

In Torino Province details as known of explosion which occurred in the French Gendarmerie Mess in the Hotel Sole, SUSI, have been telephoned and further information will be forwarded immediately on receipt.

Attached hereto are copy reports received from

(a) CC.RR Co. SUSI

(b) Lt. Bacon

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HQ Alcom (Adv) - 2

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No of Message V/1 1900 hours 23 June, 1945

Telephone message from the CC.RR Co Suse

TO Regional Police Officer, Lt Col Briggs

Subject: Explosion in the French Troop Mess at Hotel Sole of Suse.

1. An explosion occurred in the French Gendarmerie Mess in the Hotel Sole, Suse (Turin Prov) killing three (3) Gendarmes and one (1) domestic. French soldiers attacked civilians and caused some harm to the civilians (scratched faces and bloody noses). Prompt armed intervention scattered the troops, avoiding serious consequences. One CORA, to avoid being roughly handled fired a few shots in the air. The French command in agreement with the American command have consigned the Carabinieri to the Caserma and have them in a state of siege. In spite of restrictions the carabinieri have ascertained that the explosion was due to explosive materials which the Germans left behind in the stove or furnace in other places. Further details are impossible to give.

signed Captain Ansoldi

Sender: Bollo
Receiver: Capt. Ayres

Telephone message from Lt. Bacon
To Duty Officer - time 1430 24 June 1945.

Lt. Bacon states curfew in Suse today until present investigation is completed (probably this evening). French are picking up civilians in street and checking them. If business is recognized as authorized pass-
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AUTH: CG IV Corps
Initials: MA
Date: 23 June 1945

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SITREP Number 25

PIEMONTE REGION

21 June 1945 JUN 29 1945

French Situation

Evacuation of French troops across Little S. Bernard pass begun, though at La Thuile departing troops were succeeded by a rifle company arriving directly from France. Twenty-five empty 3-ton trucks also came over the border. Some Italian uneasiness at last-minute close examination by French of all fortifications on Italian side of the border. Fear possible destruction of fortifications, through rumour circulating that this was the French intention. Rumour discounted.

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At about 0100 hours shooting took place at the SOLARO Prison and three South African soldiers were wounded by a hand grenade thrown by person unknown. No arrests despite thorough investigation. Accounts confused and it is doubtful whether actual full scale attempt made. Curfew placed on Commune of CASALE 2230 - 0500 hours until further notice.

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Public Safety continued

3 German prisoners captured by CC.RR in vicinity of CEVA, Cuneo Province, dressed as civilians. Conveyed to jail at Cuneo where they await disposal instructions.

Reference report of demonstration against food prices, Torino Province, now reports demonstration appeared to be well organized and pre-arranged. The perpetrators have not, as yet, been discovered. It appears that the demonstration was a carry-over from the demonstrations held in Milan. All the signs were painted by the same sign-painter as they all had characteristic errors in the formation of letters. Parade well organized and, in due course, disbanded. No violence.

Local Government

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Threatened strike of municipal employees at IVREA averted by announcement of prospective advance of salaries.

Communications

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Legal

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Partisans

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FOR THE SENIOR CIVIL AFFAIRS OFFICER:

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HQ Alcon (Adv) - 2

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MINUTE No. 12.

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12. WITHDRAWAL OF FRENCH FORCES FROM NORTHEAST ITALY.

(Paper No. SAC (P) (45)-30).

THE CONFERENCE had before them the record of a meeting
between the Chief of Staff and a representative of the Chief
of the French General Staff of National Defense which resulted
in the agreement that French forces would withdraw by 10 July to
the West side of the 1939 Franco-Italian frontier.

THE SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER:

Approved the decision taken by the Chief
of Staff in Paper No. SAC (P) (45)-30.

18th June 1945.

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SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER'S CONFERENCE
(POLITICAL)

WITHDRAWAL OF FRENCH FORCES FROM GERMANY

RECORD OF A MEETING BETWEEN LIEUTENANT GENERAL MORGAN
AND MAJOR GENERAL CARPENTIER IN THE C-3 WAR ROOM AT
1600 HOURS ON MONDAY 11 JUNE 1945

PRESENT:

APRIS.

Lt. Gen. W.D. Morgan,
Chief of Staff to SAC.

Lt. Gen. Sir Brian H. Robertson,
CAC, AFHQ.

Maj. Gen. L.L. Lammitt,
Deputy CCB to SAC.

Colonel D.W.A. Hunt, representing
Asst CCB, G-2, AFHQ.

Brig. Gen. Edwin B. Howard,
Asst CCB, G-2, Fifth Army.

Brig. Gen. G.L. Sherin,
Asst CCB, G-3, AFHQ.

Colonel R.O. Pearson,
G-3 Section, Fifth Army Group.

Colonel S.J. Connelley,
Acting Asst CCB, G-3, Fifth Army.

Colonel L.A. Ladue,
CCB, IV Corps.

Maj. Gen. C.E. MacGruder,

PRISON

Major General Carpentier, representing
Chief of the General Staff of
National Defense.

Brigadier General Lohbert,
Chief of Staff to General Boyen.

Colonel Pedron, representing Chief
of General Staff of National Defense.

Colonel Arnold Lohbert,
Chief of French Military
Mission to AFHQ.

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G-3 Section, 15th Army Group.

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Acting Asst COS, G-3, Fifth Army.

Colonel L.E. Ladd,
COS, IV Corps.

Maj. Gen C.E. MacGrath,
Asst COS, G-4(A), AFHQ.

Colonel J.B. Mitchell, representing
Asst COS, G-5, AFHQ.

Brig. Gen E.E. Huse,
Asst COS, G-5, Fifth Army.

Lt. Col. T.B. Jackson, G-5, AFHQ.

Brig. J.G. Nicholson,
Chairman, Mediterranean Joint Planning Staff.

Colonel N.E. Clark, representing Chief, ID.

Colonel J.S. Bastion, Jr.,
Secretary to Supreme Allied Commander.

Interpreters.

Major J.D. Fuller, Liaison Sec, AFHQ.

Capt. E.A. Patriotot, French Army.

Secretaries:

Lt. Col. J.G. Sweetman.
Major R.E. Hanley.

FRANCE

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LIEUTENANT COL. JACQUES MORAN opened the conference by giving the background to the present differences which had arisen between the French and the Anglo-American Governments in regard to Allied Military Government in Northeast Italy. During the past month, negotiations had been conducted on a Governmental level, and the previous day a message had been received stating that General de Gaulle had agreed to withdraw French forces to the east side of the 1939 Franco-Italian frontier.

LIEUTENANT GENERAL BRIDGES then indicated the disposition of French and Anglo-American troops in the North, Center and Southern areas of the disputed territory.

LIEUTENANT GENERAL CARPENTIER said that the French Government was entirely agreeable to the withdrawal of their forces behind the 1939 frontier. He had come to Allied Force Headquarters solely for the purpose of discussing details of procedure, and the means of withdrawing these forces. He stated that orders for the withdrawal would be given immediately. However, due to difficulties in lines of communication, the evacuation of certain areas would not be completed for some time. He undertook to guarantee that all French troops would be withdrawn from the disputed areas by 10th July 1945. Withdrawal by sectors would be completed as follows:

STRAISER VALLEY	-	25th June
VAL D'AOSTA	-	25th June
SSSA-COUL-CELA	-	1st July
TRINIA-VS-TRINIA	-	10th July

LIEUTENANT GENERAL MORAN replied that this proposal was acceptable.

LIEUTENANT GENERAL CARPENTIER then spoke of the introduction of Allied Military Government. He considered that this would present no problem in the North, Center and Southern areas. However, there was a large proportion of the population in the TRINIA area who had indicated their desire that the territory should be returned to ITALY. In order that there should be no repercussions on the part of, or against, these citizens, he proposed that the handover to Allied officials should take place while French troops were still in the area. In this way, French officials could be relieved one by one by Allied officials at such time as the Anglo-American command considered appropriate. Allied forces or British forces would then arrive, and French forces would be relieved, according to arrangements which would be made on the spot between local commanders.

LIEUTENANT GENERAL BRIDGES considered that this was satisfactory inasmuch as Allied officials were already in the area. Although they were not functioning at the present time, their relations with French officials were friendly, and they could be in operating immediately, if required.

LIEUTENANT GENERAL MORAN, referring to the propaganda campaign now being conducted by the French in Northeast Italy, stated that this must not continue.

LIEUTENANT GENERAL CARPENTIER replied that orders had already been given in PARIS to that effect. Referring to the occupational forces, he stated that he had been the Chief of Staff.

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VAL D'ACOSTA	- 25th June
SENA-BOULE-ORSAVA	- 1st July
TEMA-VERMIMILLA	- 10th July

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LIEUTENANT GENERAL MOSCATI, referring to the propaganda campaign now being conducted by the French in Northwest Italy, stated that this must cease forthwith.

LIEUTENANT GENERAL MOSCATI replied that orders had already been given in Paris to that effect. Referring to the occupational forces, he stated that he had been instructed by General Juin to request an undertaking from the Chief of Staff that no Italian troops would be stationed within a certain distance of the frontier. In particular, he requested that the Italian Port at GENOVA should be occupied by Anglo-American forces, and that the Italian flag should not be displayed there.

LIEUTENANT GENERAL MOSCATI said that as long as Allied troops were available, no regular forces of the Italian Army would be stationed within 15 miles of the frontier. Italian Carabinieri and Customs Officials would, however, be employed in the normal manner. Referring to the Port of GENOVA, he stated that no guarantee could be given on that point.

LIEUTENANT GENERAL MOSCATI then stated that there were three or four additional points which he wished to discuss. Firstly, he had been instructed to request that the French Transit Camp for Prisoners of War and displaced persons at BISSA on Italian territory, should be maintained as long as the requirement for such an establishment should continue to exist. Secondly, he desired that freedom of frontalter movement across the Franco-Italian frontier should be included

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in the agreement. He stated that this movement has been normal in previous years prior to the development of tension between the UK and France. Mainly, referring to the electrical power station at BARRIS HILL, he noted that this should continue to furnish power to the KNUZ-GRYON area. These communications had formerly been supplied by a station on French soil, but this had been destroyed by the Germans, and until such time as the French plant could be restored, BARRIS HILL was the only available source of supply.

LIEUTENANT GENERAL CARPENTIER stated that the first two points, namely, the continuance of the Transit Camp at BARRIS HILL and freedom of Continental movement, were agreed. In regard to the third point, power from the BARRIS HILL station to the KNUZ-GRYON area, he could not undertake that this was a matter of power would be supplied in future as at the present time. He was in agreement with the suggestion made by Lieutenant General Robertson that an investigation should be made of the requirements of the area, and that power could continue to be allotted to the French in relation to other demands for it in 1944.

MAJOR GENERAL CARPENTIER asked that no bulletin or communication should be issued to the Press or Radio regarding the present agreement. An announcement would, he considered, give undue importance to the move of the French forces, which was being regarded by his government solely as a normal relief, rather than withdrawal.

MAJOR GENERAL LIEUTENANT expressed the opinion that an agreement such as this, resulting in considerable movement of troops, could not be concealed from the Press. He stated that after no longer controlled Italian press and unless the French took the initiative and released an announcement favorable to them, they must expect articles to appear in Italian and world press which might be most provocative and injurious. He believed that speculation on the part of correspondents could be avoided if the French and Anglo-American authorities were to issue a joint release or, if the French desired, to make the release themselves.

LIEUTENANT GENERAL LIEUTENANT stated that all possible steps would be taken by the Supreme Allied Commander to prevent mention of the present agreement by the Press or Radio of this Theatre. He would likewise suggest to the British and American Governments that they issue no public statement. He added that there was no objection, however, to the French Government issuing a release. He then suggested that the meeting should adjourn while a draft agreement was prepared. This could later be signed at an informal conference in his office.

THE CHIEF OF STAFF directed that in the light of the agreement set out above:-

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- b. The Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5, should cause a study to be made of the question of electrical supply from the cover house at BASSE ROYA and to submit to him recommendations for its use.
- c. The Chief, ID, to issue guidelines and instructions to all concerned that the move of French troops to the west of the 1939 Franco-Italian frontier should be treated as a normal routine relief, without special publicity.
- d. The Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3, to issue necessary instructions for the implementation of all terms of the agreement not covered by sub-paragraphs b and c above.

NOTE: The agreements signed by Lieutenant General Montagu at 2000H 11 June and by Major General Carpentier at 2220 H 11 June 1945.

J. R. BASTION, JR.
Colonel, U.S.A.,
Secretary to Supreme Allied Commander.

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15th Meeting (Political) held at APM
on 18th June 1945.

MINUTE No. 7.

7. SITUATION ON FRANCO-ITALIAN BORDER.

(Previous reference SAC (P) (45) 14th Meeting, Minute 7).

MAJOR GENERAL LEMNITZER reported that under the terms of an agreement signed at Allied Force Headquarters on 11 June, all French forces in Northwest ITALY would be withdrawn to the east side of the 1939 Franco-Italian frontier by 10 July. Information had been received that withdrawal had already commenced in the VAL D'AOSTA area.

THE SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER:

Took note, with approval, of the above report.

R. Lewis 45

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CG IV CORPS BELLS, G-2

JUN 27 1945

CG 5TH ARMY, 15 ARMY GROUP, AFHQ, ALCOM, 1ST ARMD IV, 3d INF DIV, 6 SA ARMD DIV

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Frontier sitrep number 82 closing 262400B.

03: 1 Bn RTA moved from FRANELATO ^{H4427} to OULK H3630 by marching. All
infantry in SUSA area is marching towards FRANCE.

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CG 5 ARMY 15 ARMY GRP, AFHQ, ALOOM, 1ST ARMD DIV, 34 INF DIV, 6 SA ARMD DIV

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Frontier sitrep number 81 closing 261800B.

G2: As of 261600B French lifted curfew in SUSIA to extend only from 2200 to 0500 hours, and allow civilians to circulate without special pass. Order of French preventing Carabinieri on streets in uniform or armed is still being enforced.

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ACTION: Mr Commissioner 3
INFO: Chief Commissioner
CA Sec
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CG 5TH ARMY, 15 ARMY GROUP, AFHQ, ALCOM, 1ST ARMD DIV, 34 INF DIV, 6 SA ARMD
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Frontier sitrep number 80 closing 261200B.

G2. French report as of today last rear elements of 5 Half Brigade, 27 DIA, left AOSTA Valley. Confirmed by 6 SA Armd Div. This area now completely cleared of French troops. French military authorities completed preliminary inquiry into case at ALBERGO SOLE at SUSAS 5540 (reference Frontier sitrep number 73) and feel that disloyal French soldier or renegade who occupied room where explosion occurred is involved in incident.

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ACTION: Ex Commissioner 3
INFO: Chief Commissioner
CA Sec
Econ Sec
Polad (A)
Polad (B)
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02: 37 vehicles with 300 French soldiers and 2 Bren gun carriers passed through CLAVENS K4703 road block and entered FRANCE 25 June. On 26 June French troops at BARDONECHIA K4919 and H 3530 will begin march overland by foot through BARDONECHIA into FRANCE. Frontier sitrep number 579 closing 260700Z

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From: IV CORPS

To: CD FIFTH ARMY, 15 ARMY GROUP, AFHQ, AIDON, 1ST ARMD DIV, 34 INF DIV, 6 SA
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02: Number of French killed in explosion at SUMA now given as 2 instead of
3 previously reported. Frontier sitrep number 77 closing 251800Z. Semi permanent
bridge, replacing Bailey type at R 4947, completed and opened traffic 251400Z

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02: All French units in AOSTA Valley have moved out leaving behind only
clean-up details which are expected to go today. Frontier sitrep number 76
closing 251200B

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Reference your 141, 19 June situation MONT CENIS H4552 platoon area quiet.
Both French and Italian cattle are on the land.

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Frontier sitrop number 69 closing 231800G. G-2: French have begun relief in SUSA sector. French troops in CULX 13530 have left town and others are moving out gradually. Relief expected to be complete by 1 July

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C-2: Explosion occurred approx 231500B June 1945 in French non com quarters in SUBA H5440. 2 French NCO's and 1 Italian killed. Several French soldiers wounded. Nature of explosion unknown, being investigated. American guard places on scene of incident. French patrols policing town. French curfew extended through out day light hours, no church services permitted. Necessary for AMG interpreter to obtain French pass and be escorted to office by French soldier.

Frontier Sitrep Nr 72 closing 241200B.

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PARTE TO REGIONAL COMMISSIONERS PIEMONTE CMA LIGURIA CMA LOMBARDIA CMA
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IT IS MOST IMPORTANT THAT YOU ENSURE THAT NEWSPAPERS IN YOUR REGIONS DO NOT
GIVE ANY ~~EXCESSIVE~~ PUBLICITY TO THIS SUBJECT AND THAT THE EXPRESSION QUOTE
WITHDRAWAL OF FRENCH TROOPS UNQUOTE BE NOT USED IT

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G2 : As of 192200B evacuation of STURA Valley N 6547 by French troops completed.
Three battalions, 15 IR and 24 BCA are now in FRANCE. Frontier sitrep number 56
closing 201200B

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PARIS TO GEORGE FIVE AFHQ FROM HEADQUARTERS ALCON CITE ACROSS PARIS

REFERENCE YOUR FOX NINE FOUR EIGHT TWO ZERO OF EIGHTEENTH JUNE PD ITALIAN
GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN APPROACHED BY AMERICAN AND BRITISH EMBASSIES AND HAVE
UNDERTAKEN TO GIVE APPROPRIATE INSTRUCTIONS TO THE ITALIAN PRESS PD
WE HAVE ALSO GIVEN APPROPRIATE INSTRUCTIONS TO REGIONAL COMMISSIONERS PD

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SUBJECT: Franco-Italian Situation.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394.
(Attn: Chief Commissioner). 28

Herewith for your information is copy of memo of 14 June signed by the Deputy Chief of Staff and addressed to the Chief French Military Mission to AFHQ under the heading "Message to General Juin".

For the Asst. Chief of Staff, G5:


F. B. JACKMAN
Lt. Colonel

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SUBJECT: Message to General Juin.

TO : Colonel Laparra,
Chief, French Military Mission to AFHQ.

Please transmit the following message from Field Marshal Alexander to General Juin in reply to General Juin's message to him No. 1878/DK/3/PS:

"Please notify General de Gaulle that his views with respect to excluding Carabiniers from the six communes of Tenda are understood, and assure him that in this as in all matters pertaining to the areas in which French troops are being relieved any action by the relieving Allied Commander will be taken only in the light of consultations with departing French commanders whose information and views, within the limits of the limits of the Morgan-Carpentier agreement, will be given full consideration.

I feel sure, therefore, that General de Gaulle will agree that the introduction of any Carabiniers into the Tenda area in such a manner and at such time as will not result in provoking local sensibilities or disturbances, may safely be left to the judgment of the local Allied commander."

I. L. IEMNETZER,
Major General, G.S.C.,
Deputy Chief of Staff.

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6 SA ARMD DIV.

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G2: All French troops cleared out of DEMONTE N6547 at 191300B.
2 BN, 18 RI in process of moving from GAIOLA N735477 towards the
French border. In FRANCE, VIC ST MARTIN DE VESUBIE N605208-
ROQUEBILLIERE N645145 area 16 RTS being relieved by 57 RI and
reverting to control of parent unit (1 COLONIAL DIVISION of the far
east) and 18 RTS to be relieved by 14 RI, between 21 and 23 June
and also to revert to parent unit, 1 DCEO. (Frontier Sitrep number
53 closing 191800B.)

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: EX 96267
Date Time of Origin: JUNE 20/1743H

Message Centre No: E/5949
Date Time Rec'd: JUNE 20/2025H
Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: AFHQ SIGNED SACRED CITE PRIMER **JUN 21 1945**
TO: ACTION: ALCON ROSE INFO: FIFTH ARMY, 15 ARMY GROUP, IV CORPS, 1 ARMED DIV,
34 INF DIV, 6TH DIV, 6TH SA ARMED DIV

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Near 141 Cite ASERE.

Frontier traffic French-Italian border now permitted. Authority contained in EX 92512 to IV CORPS repeated 15 ARMY GROUP and FIVE ARMY. In pursuance above meeting took place 16 June and arrangements made for grazing (See IV CORPS 1956 Frontier Sitrep number 42 repeated all addressees this message). Matter referred to in your 141 founded on IV CORPS signal of 15 June appears therefore to have been dealt with (4)

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To: CG 5 ARMY, 15 ARMY GP, APRQ, ALCON, 1ST ARMD DIV, 34 INF DIV, 6
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G3. French Liaison Officer reports that the 1 Battalion, 18
IR has evacuated BORGO SAN DAMAZZO N8148 without incident and has
reached JAUSIERS. (Frontier Sitrep No 50 closing 182400B). The 2nd
Battalion, 18 IR has started moving from GAGOLE Area N7648 towards
the ST PAUL AREA.

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AND CORPS FIVE FIRST ARRIVED DIVISION THREE FIFTEENTH

DIVISION SIXTH SEPARATE AND ARRIVED DIVISION FROM HEADQUARTERS ALICE WITH

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WHERE THAT THREE COMPANY CHASING BEING BY ARRIVED WITHOUT DELAY PD

APART FROM ECONOMIC LOSS IN CLASHING THREE THOUSAND HEAD OF CATTLE

THE POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS ARE SERIOUS AND MAY EASILY LEAD TO REVERSE PD

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Frontier sitrep number 45 closing 171800B.

02: French troops reported withdrawing from VALIERI N7443 area CUNEO Province on 16 June. Headquarters of 18 Infantry Regiment, Cannon Company, Anti Tank Company, and 1 Artillery Battalion began movement back to FRANCE. 1 Infantry Battalion of 18 Infantry Regiment moving back on 17 June. Name of French Consul in GENOA is PAUL RAYMOND. He was sent to GENOA from PALESTRO, SICILY by French Ambassador in ROME. Telegram on his person verified this.

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: F 94820
Date/Time of Origin: JUNE 18/0930B

Message Centre No: E/5555
Date Time Rec'd: JUNE 18/1114B
Precedence: PRIORITY

FROM: AFHQ SIGNED SACRED CITY PRESS
TO: ACTION: ALCOH ROME

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1. In view of Allied Press disclosure of French withdrawal NW ITALY, considered that Italian government and press may take opportunity to treat as major success. This highly undesirable in view of policy enunciated HAF 1009 HAF 1010 and EX 91704 and would undoubtedly evoke great French resentment.

2. You will take all appropriate steps to bring to the attention of Italian Government the unfortunate effects such publicity would produce, and to advise that the greatest importance is attached by this headquarters to maintenance of policy of restraint on part of Italian government and press, with respect to reported changes in dispositions of French troops in areas in question. Your action should include notification in above sense to the new Italian cabinet immediately upon formation

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ARMED DIV

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Frontier sitrep number 42 closing 162400Z.

02: In compliance AFHQ message FX 92512, Lt Col LEBLISE, DOTFNS Frontier Control Officer met BRAAFLAUT of AFHQ Frontier Control and WELLS at SUBA today. Arrangements completed to open French frontaliar traffic at once, which will permit herds both French and Italian to graze on MONTCHISO plateau. Agreement confirmed to subject frontaliar traffic, feeding of cattle was objective, property rights deliberately excluded.

03: French movement across frontier: 6 hour period to 1600Z: 35 going west, 40 going east. 6 hour period to 2200Z: 11 going west, 12 going east.

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REGION CMA AND IV CORPS AND LIGERIA REGION

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IV CORPS FOR INFO TO LIGERIA REGION FOR INFO FROM ALGER CITE ACSCC PANEN

PAN TWO PD I HAVE DISCUSSED THIS WITH AFHQ PD FRENCH MILITARY GOVERNMENT IS
WITHOUT VALIDITY PD THEREFORE AND SHOULD BE REMOVED OR INSTALLED WITHOUT
FORMALITY OF TRANSFER AND PARTICULARLY IT IS MOST IMPORTANT THAT NO CEREMONY
OF ANY KIND SHOULD BE HELD IN CONNECTION THEREWITH PD

CC: Exec. Comm.
Staff. Sec. (Col. Fiske)
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/s/ L. W. Starnes
Maj. AGC
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APPROXIMATE TELEPHONE CALL FROM COLONEL MITCHELL AS NO PRIORITY ON FRENCH
TROOP MOVEMENTS IN ITALY. PD

INDEX TO AFHQ FOR 1-5 NUMBER FIVE FROM RE ALCON FROM AERIAL STONE WITH ADJUTANT PAUSE
HOME STAND AND STAFFED TODAY CARRIED NEWSPAPER DISPATCH FROM LONDON JUNE FIFTEENTH
STATING FRENCH TROOPS ARE WITHDRAWING TO THEIR FRONTIER AND STATE DEPARTMENT
HAD NO BULLETIN NUMBER ONE FOUR THREE OF JUNE FIFTEENTH QUOTED ITEM FROM
WASHINGTON ONE OF JUNE FIFTEENTH STATING THAT DISPATCH FROM FRANCE ADVISED
THAT THE FRENCH HAVE BEGUN TO WITHDRAW FROM THE AOSTA VALLEY

cc: Exec. Comm.

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Rear Admiral, USN
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Frontier Sitrep 38 covering period 152400B.

G-2: Reports from Italian officials state French stop and search all vehicles at block for French refugees. Commanding Officer of French Repatriation Center at BUSA H5441 stated that on 8 June 130 persons had been sent to FRANCE from this repatriation center. Major PRAISSE, of General Hq at BUSA, stated to Provincial Commissioner of TURIN on 12 June that no crossing would be allowed by Italians owning herds in the MONCENISIO plateau. Though an order to this effect was issued by General DOYEN, the Provincial Commissioner advised the Major that the MONCENISIO plateau is part of the Province of TURIN and that cattle would be sent to the plateau and any interference by French troops would be reported to higher authority. Radio sent by this Hq to General DOYEN on this matter and WEISS and BRAAFLADT enroute to area 16 June to arrange for opening frontier traffic. Request made of General DOYEN to furnish whereabouts of engineer BOSSIS of hydroelectric plant who disappeared SAN DALMAZEO DI TENDA 58248 on 8 May, reportedly taken into FRANCE. Reliable information indicated 2 Italians, Dr MARCHESI and RINZO ROSSI were planning to incite

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trouble between Americans and French. ROSSI arrested and jailed in SAN REMO. MARCHESI left for ROME.

G-3: Nothing to report.

G-5: Locomotive removed across French border from vicinity ULZIO on 10 June by French military personnel has not been returned despite promise of French to return same immediately. Gendarmes continue to flow into Province of TORINO. French commander in LIMONE N8834 agreed that AMG issue passes previously issued by French but that French countersign each pass.

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CG 5TH ARMY, 15 ARMY GROUP, AFHQ, ALCOM, 1ST ARMD DIV, 34 INF
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G2: The road through the little S BERNARD Pass 04501 east of the French border is open to allow passage of 3/4 ton vehicles. (Frontier Sitrep number 37 closing 151800B). French special mission is leaving INTROD 07001 sometime tomorrow. Population of AOSTA believe that the French are soon leaving the valley. There is a clandestine meeting of Partisans tonight. It is anticipated that the meeting is to discuss ways and means to stop Italian civilians who have been helping the French from returning to FRANCE with the French troops. G3: Nothing to report. G5: Italian attempted to smuggle rice across the border at D972259. Arrested and handed over to carabinieri.

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G2: Ntr. Frontier Sitrep No 34 closing 142400B. G3: Ntr.
G5: French military refused passage of 3000 head of cattle to
MUNCEHISIO grazing area H4654. Cattle under control of Italian
farmers who customarily used the area in question just off route
25 NW of SUSAN H5241. Unless cattle can graze, they will have to
be slaughtered. Slaughter is undesirable at this time.

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11 June 1945.

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Dear Lem:

It may interest you to know the impressions formed by Brigadier Lush, Executive Commissioner of the Allied Commission, from meeting the Regional Commissioners of Piemonte and Liguria and after attending a meeting of the Provincial Commissioners of the Cuneo, Turin and Aosta Provinces of Piemonte region at Turin under the chairmanship of Colonel Marshall, the Regional Commissioner.

In Piemonte, A.M.G. is established right up to the border, with the exception of a very small area less than a Commune. The French make difficulties, but in spite of General Doyen's letter and subsequent telegram, the situation on the spot as reported by the Provincial Commissioners is one of the representatives of two nations obeying the orders of their military superiors and they get on with each other with courtesy and a certain amount of good humor. A.M.G. functions and courts are held, Italian lire is the only legal currency, Allied and Italian flags fly and French flags are limited as far as possible to military headquarters. Lush gained the impression that there was not the actual tension in the field which has been caused at higher levels by the intemperate tone of General Doyen's letter and telegram but there is a local fear that when the little St. Bernard Pass is opened, the French may push in more troops and take affirmative action to insist on the withdrawal of A.M.G. The present orders are that incidents of any kind are to be avoided, even to the extent of withdrawal.

In Liguria the position is quite different. Here the French have established French Military Government in 14 Communes. In each Commune there is a platoon of troops and a French administrative officer. French currency is used and the area is regarded as French territory. After the initial stages no attempt has been made by A.M.G. to establish itself or infiltrate into these 14 Communes. On the other hand, so far there has been no further infiltration into A.M.G. territory by the French. Courtesies are observed and relations between French and Allied officers are correct. This is not to say that the position of the provincial commissioners concerned and their C.A.O.s is not extremely difficult, but Lush reports that their handling of the matter appears to be admirable and this is especially so in the case of Colonel Marshall, who works in the closest consultation with the U.S. and British (South African)

Major General Lyman L. Lemnitzer, G.S.C.,
Deputy Chief of Staff,
Allied Force Headquarters,
APO 512, U.S. Army.

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military commanders on the spot. Colonel Marshall has taken the very wise line of insisting that the French representatives do not interview him or the military commanders alone, having regard to their undoubted quality of playing one nation off against another.

I am reporting this to you under D/O letter because you obviously must receive the official reports through IV Corps and 5th Army. I realize, too, that discussions now under way at A.F.B.G. may soon resolve this situation, but in any case feel you should have this information as it existed last week.

Yours sincerely,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLEMY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
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EXTRACT from the Minutes of SACMED's 14th Meeting (Political) held
on 7th June 1945.

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MINUTE No. 7.

7. SITUATION ON FRANCO-ITALIAN FRONTIER.

(Previous reference SAC (P) (45) 14th Meeting, Minute 5).

MAJOR GENERAL LAMBERT reported that two recent communications received from GENERAL DITEN indicated a complete change in French policy in regard to Northwest ITALY. The Combined Chiefs of Staff had been informed, and meanwhile 15th Army Group had been instructed to maintain their present position.

THE DEPUTY SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER stated that he had been informed that the UNITED STATES had sent a very strong note to the French Government indicating that the people of the UNITED STATES would be most shocked in the event that the French used American weapons, which they had been given by the American Government, against soldiers of the UNITED STATES. A personal message had also been sent from President TRUMAN to GENERAL De GAULLE stating that unless French forces withdrew immediately from Northwest ITALY all supplies to the French forces, with the exception of rations, would be stopped.

THE CONFERENCE:

Took note of the above reports.

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