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FRENCH ACTIVITIES 2. INCIDENTS, ITAL/FRENCH FRONTIER
JULY - SEPT. 1945

682

Executive Commissioner,

42

Ref. folio 284. Enclosed for your signature is a letter forwarding a copy to ~~25~~ and for signature of ~~Of a letter~~ acknowledging

234

Chief, Criminal Division

12/10/2000

attained for low
amplitude and low
frequency

5/21/94

302

2 x 2 cm

The two pieces flagged X
are strong, recommended
from P. L. Cases that the
Frank L. O. be removed
from T. and C.

Attached is submitted for your signature
information

Approved

11/13/5

304

Exempt

The two photos flagged X
are strong recommendations
from P. C. Curoo that the
French L.O. be removed
from Tando. As you know
we have recommended his
removal which is still
under consideration at HQHQ.
Should we use this 2
Curoo photos in follow up?
11/17/5

Yes 11/17/5

304

CSO to Ex Com
Political Adviser (A)
Political Adviser (B)

Please see folios 280, 281 for information.
Folio ? in file 7002/156 attached is
also relevant.

8 Sep 45.

A. Picky San Paul

Ex. Comm:

285

Question of French liaison officers. Can
we gain careful consideration at British
AC and AF HQ level. It was finally agreed
— as a concession to French — to permit
French liaison officer at HQ - dist. 2 - (Milan)
and another attached to allied military
formations at 1 min. I should like to
say that position maintained & the
question considered closed. I suggest
that we do not entertain any further
arguments from the French on this.
Subject book at that put forward in

Ex. Comm:

285

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page 282,

J. Wickham Jones
 Col. Ad. (Am). Sept. 10/45
 286

As I think it might be difficult in practice to extend the addition of a Grade 40 at Taha, despite the offer made in the offer at folio 282, I agree with the view expressed by my US colleagues.

11/12/45

3000
 H. A. T. (15)

3270

Polio (A)
Polio (B)

Recess on folio 269

24 Aug 45

21st Aug 45

pleas, thank you. J. Miller Jones. Polio (A) Aug 23/45

Allynd
sp/nc + det. H. H. (br).

Ula

fl. of suspension

Polio (B)
Aug 28

Sp. Line
ESOR

+(27)

Polio 269 for your info. Polio (A) & (B) have
acorn (min 3), but made no comment.

29 Aug 45

A. P. S. 3/4

27 37/2

27 5/5

N. moi.

17/ 30/4

Dick

Off. of Inspection

Re: (B)

Aug 28

Spence

ESOR

1 (271)

~~Enter~~

folio 269 for your info.

Polad (A) & (B) have

across (min 3), but made no comment.

A. Pasby S/Cons

29 Aug 45

Li 30/2

272-25

Ni moi.

177/30/c

Li

C.S.O. B Ex Com.

Polad (A)

Polad (B)

31 Aug 45

27 275

For your info folios 273, 274, 275

A. Pasby S/Cons

Rem. 7 books - Dept. 6/45

See. Thanks. 4/1/46

3307

after consultation with POLADS, the R.C. Piemonte was instructed at 220 to come to Rome on the 13th Aug. prepared to make a full statement about the matter, which would subsequently be passed to the American Embassy (see mins 217-218).

(d) The matter does not appear to have been discussed when R.C. Piemonte was in Rome, & the only written reports received from him, at 245-247, do not refer to the type of incidents raised in the communications mentioned in (a) (b) & (c) above.

M. R. S. See End

22 Aug 45

For Comm

265

That reference to French liaison officers in Turin

the phrase see page 264. Please note, the appears to

Answer a question brought up at today's Ex Comm -

265

Ex Comm

265

With reference to French liaison officers in Tunisia
the please see folio 264. Please note, this appears to
answer a question brought up at today's Ex Comm -
meeting.

266 also 21/8

CSO. Send copies of 264 to RER, LICOMMA and PLEA/MONT
for their information.

24/8

2.

3300

12 Aug. 45.

BB 8/18

261

Chief Commissioner

Attached is submitted for your signature/initials/monogram.

21' 8

*AUG 21 1945
CO. 1533*

262.

Capt Arnoldy

1. Should any further action be taken with regard to reports received of acts of violence etc in French frontier?

2. (a) At Hilo 183 the POLAD (B) passed as a report, which was ~~denied~~ by R.C. Piemonte at 185.
(b) At 187, 188 a report was received from POLAD (A), the Chief Commissioner directed at 191. That a memorandum be sent to the American Embassy, D.O. This report was also ~~denied~~ denied by R.C. Piemonte at 209, 12 a short note at 216 was sent to POLAD (A).
(c) Further reports were received from AFHQ at 212,

Note ²²¹ not ~~197~~ Chief Liaison Officer asked to determine information asked for at A/

~~222~~ 222

MP 3/8

~~229~~ 229

C.S.O. ~~229~~ signal at 200 for ~~229~~ consideration please.

4 Aug 45 A. Pasby S/c

~~233~~ 233

Political Adviser (A)
Political Adviser (B)

²⁰⁴ Ref min ~~197~~ Folio ²⁰⁸ 227 + 232 198, 204
passed to you for information - any comments you may wish to make.

7 Aug 45 A. Pasby S/c

~~234~~ 234

C.S.O. S.E. Com.

Para 2. of Folio ²³² ~~234~~ raises an important question of principle. While we seem to be prepared to maintain And in Venice similar until such time as the disposal of the area is settled at the Peace Conference, I am with aware of any similar arrangement - in respect of the

01234

Political Adviser (A)
Political Adviser (B)

204
Ref min 100. Feb 200 227 232
passed to you for information - any comments
you may wish to make.
7 Aug 40
A. Pasby etc

CSO. G. K. Com. ~~234~~

Para 2 of P. 232 ~~234~~ raises an important question of principle. While we seem to be prepared to maintain stand in Vienna until such time as the disposal of the area is settled at the Peace Conference, I am not aware of any similar arrangement in respect of the disputed areas in the N.W. I wd be grateful if I might be kept informed of any decision on this.

7/10/40

[Signature]
A. H. H. (Br)

~~234~~ 235

We should see copy of alleged agreement between V Corps & Gen. Douglas referred to in paragraph 235. Is it correct that an agreement has been made with French that NW frontier zone will be kept clear of German & Italian troops until peace conference with Italy? *[Signature]* P. H. A. 7.4.40

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221.
~~or~~
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C.S.O.

Letter To R. C. Piemonte at so for signature
please.

9 Aug 45

M. Proby Sec. Prod.

3903

Political Adviser (A)

Ref files 188 & 191. The whole question of incidents etc on the French Frontier will be discussed with the R.C. Pimentel when he is at the HQ next week end, & you will of course be kept informed of any further details given by him. Nothing if you concur. it is not prepared, to forward to your Ambassador any ~~matter~~ fuller report than that at file 2026.

9 Aug 45.

A. Pickens s/Conf

218

C. S. O.

219.

Arrange a meeting R.C. Pimentel, Lecomte, Col Hamilton & Polans after the Belgian meeting.

MS 216/18

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~~28~~ 214

P.S.O.

1. Ref ¹⁸⁸ ~~25~~ ¹⁹¹ ~~174~~ Please see draft letter at ²¹³ ~~25~~.
2. Please see also ²¹² ~~24~~ ²¹¹ ~~28~~ Political Adviser (B) recommends that we reply on the lines of ²¹³ ~~25~~.
3. Should any action be taken on the last sentence of 211, or should this point be ignored unless we continue to get reports of this nature?

M. Pasby
San Francisco

4 Aug 45

~~27~~ 215.

S/Gen. McBr

1. ²¹³ ~~25~~ approved. - Sign & send.
2. Set Mr. McQuinn to say name asked for 3901 at ¹⁹¹ ~~25~~ by C. to not require by Air Authority.

4/46

Forest Service Officers (Consolidated) Timbers

Ref 178 (a) Leaves (b) Results

1. Pionta - febr 12 No. with deer No.
present in

2. Lignia No
plus 181
183
184
193

3. ATHQ 194 No. no objection

4. 2701 155 amended

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no objection

amended

3900

3. BTHQ 194

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4. 2 Dec 1955

amended

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TO BE RENDERED ON 1st and 15th MONTHLY.

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REVIEW OF MEDICAL - PATIENTS PRISON.

PAID ON 1st and 15th MONTHLY.

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~~188~~ 203

C.S.O.

Ref ²⁰⁰~~188~~ received in reply to our signal at ¹⁹³~~188~~.
Please see draft at ²⁰²~~189~~. Alternatively it might be
more desirable to write to 2 Diet on the lines of 175-182

31 July 45 The Signed Com/0. S. 3/13

M. Pishy
San Paul

~~189~~ 204

9/50. ^STo Ex Commissioner

Political Adviser (A)

Political Adviser (B)

on your information
folios ¹⁹⁶~~189~~, ¹⁹⁹~~184~~, ¹⁹⁸~~185~~

31 July 45

~~190~~ 205

M. Pishy San Paul

I assume we will hear shortly from Dietro on
this. SAC's minutes on this subject (folio ~~185~~ 20109)
seem quite clear and precise.

~~191~~ 206

San.

J. Miller Jones
Pol. Ad. (Am) Aug 2/45

2/12/45

Pol. Ad. (Am)

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INCOMING MESSAGE
HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: X 46039
Date/Time of Origin: SEP 27 17 28A

Message Centre No: 2/9279
Date Time Rec'd: SEP 28 1000
Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM AFHQ BUREAU BACKED TIME DRAFT
TO : DISTCO INFO ALCOA

SEP 28 1948

~~SECRET~~

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

SUBJECT:

Your 581/117 of 25 September not to ALCOA.

1. As stated our letter 5-3 489/72 of 17 August one D.O. with necessary copies permitted remain W. Q. T. AGRA AT TURIN.

2. This order additional to D.O. at WENBA authorized our 21 43153 of 22 September.

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DIST

INFORMATION BY COMMISSIONER 2
INFO CHIEF COMMISSIONER
FILE

INFO ACTION

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A. G.

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Message Centre No: P/9278
Date Time Rec'd: 9/28 281000
Precedence: ROUTINE

SEP 28 1945

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INFO - ACTION

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7856 3097

A. C.

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4-84
581
Ex Com 307
ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

23 September 1945

SUBJECT: French Situation - Cuneo Province.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394. (304)

Reference your 581/304/EC of 19 September 1945.

1. The Supreme Allied Commander has reconsidered the question of a French liaison officer at Tenda and has now given his permission for such an officer to remain there.

2. The Chief of the French Mission to AFHQ has been instructed accordingly and informed that this liaison officer will be under the orders of the local Allied Military Government Officer, and will be of junior rank.


A. L. HAMBLÉN,
Brigadier General, GSC,
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5.

This is confirmation
of signal at 307.
Dealt with at 307.

(CSO)

307
27/9

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Ref: 581/306/20.

24 September 1945.

SUBJECT: French Liaison Officer at TNEUA.

TO : Regional Commissioner,
PLANNING Region.

305-1000

1. It has been decided by AMHQ and they have informed the French accordingly that a French Liaison Officer may be retained at TNEUA.
2. It has been made clear that the French Liaison Officer must be of Junior rank and will be under the orders of the local AMG officer.

✓
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

TO : Regional Commissioner,
PUEBLO Region.

305-10000
1. It has been decided by AMHQ and they have informed the French accordingly that a French Liaison Officer may be retained at YZUUA.

2. It has been made clear that the French Liaison Officer must be of Junior rank and will be under the orders of the local AMG officer.

✓
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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11 COMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: FX 45153

Message Centre No: F/8697

Date/Time of Origin: SEP 221931A

Date/Time Rec'd: SEP 230930A

Precedence: PRIORITY

FROM: AFHQ SIGNED SACRED CITE FHLIA

TO: ACTION DISTVO ALCOM ROME

~~SECRET~~ CONFIDENTIAL

SECRET

Subject is French Liaison Officer at TENDA. As the result of fresh representations from General JUIN and the French Govt SAC has reconsidered this matter and informed the French today that he will make an exception in this case. It has been made clear that the French Liaison Officer must be of Junior rank and will be under the orders of the local AMG officer.

Dist

Info-Action - Exec Comm 2
 Info - Chief Commissioner
 POLAD A
 POLAD B
 File

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 INFO ACTION
 3594

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304
SECRET

Ref: 581/304/30.

19 September 45.

SUBJECT: French Situation - Cuneo Province.

TO : G-5 Section,
AFHQ.

- (287)
1. Reference our signal 5251 of 12 September 45, in which we recommended that the French Government be told that no liaison officer be kept at YENBA. (295) (300)
2. I enclose copies of two letters from AMG Cuneo Province, from which you will see that the opinion on the spot fully supports our recommendation.

For the Chief Commissioner.

BOY
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Inclst 2.

Copy to: 2 District.

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13/10
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H. B. 11/10/45
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HEADQUARTERS
PISCATTE REGION
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 534

CONFIDENTIAL

15 September 45.

SEP 17 1945

REFERENCE : FM/330/126.1

SUBJECT : French Situation - Cuneo Province.

TO : GQ I 2 District.

1. Further reference this H.Q. FM/330/126.1 of 14 September 45.
2. Herewith copy of FM/330/1/10 dated 14 September 45 received to-day from the Provincial Commissioner, Cuneo Province.

BY ORDER OF COLONEL THOMAS.

Arthur H. Wright
A. H. WRIGHT
Captain, R.A.
Exec. S.O. (B)

Copy to : Chief of Staff, H.Q., A.O.

3082 Sec 304
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(c.s.o.)

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PROVINCIAL HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
CUNEO

SUBJECT : French L.O. TENDA.

REFERENCE : PR/CU/1/10

TO : REGIONAL COMMISSIONER
H.Q. AMG. PIEDMONTE REGION

DATE 14th Sept. 45

1. The following report has been received from the P.O. TENDA.
2. "The French L.O. stated to-day (13th Sept. 1945.) he has had no orders to leave TENDA area. He further stated that his personal belief was that he and an AMG officer should remain in the area until the LONDON conference of Foreign Ministers has made a decision, as a disturbance might follow on either "Pro" side, "knowing what I know on the other side."
3. Upon further enquiry by the P.O. TENDA as to what he knew on the "other side", the French L.O. answered as follows :- "The Comité de Rattachement in NICE appeared to be heroes during French occupation of area, but as they ran away from this area before the French troops departed, they are not subject to jibes, but still are shouting, knowing their entry is barred to area. This group is mostly Italian, who are naturalised French."
4. This may be the true picture but it could be a smoke screen as apparently nothing is being done in NICE to curb the movement and the French L.O. remains at TENDA.
5. It has been reported that Sig. MASSA, former French Mayor at TENDA, a resident of NICE and a leader of the movement is living in FONTAN, 8 km. distant, awaiting the time to come over".
6. The above conditions are not conducive to a tranquil population, and it is urgently requested that a further application be made for the immediate removal of the French L.O. at TENDA, our letters of even number dated 18th August and 13th September also refer.

A.H. GAUDER
Major R.A.
Provincial Commissioner
CUNEO PROVINCE.

HEADQUARTERS
PIEMONTE REGION
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 394

CONFIDENTIAL

REFERENCE : PR/ESG/126.1

SUBJECT : CONTE ALBERTI OF BRIGA.

TO : HQ 2 District.

15 September 45

SEP 17 1945

1. Herewith copy of PR/US/1/10 dated 13 September 45 received from Provincial Commissioner, Cuneo, with reference to the Count of Briga.
2. Enclosed also is copy of statement of Major GAYMARD dated 18 August 45 in this matter.
3. It will be noted from paragraph 8 of the Provincial Commissioners letter that the Countess of Briga requests "diplomatic enquiries" be made in regard to her husband.
4. Your observations in the matter are requested please.

BY ORDER OF COLONEL THOMAS.

A. F. Micklewright
A. F. MICKLEWRIGHT
Captain, R.A.
Exec. S.O. (B)

Copy to : Chief of Staff. H.Q., A.O.

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CLUE

PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT
ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENT
CUBA

CUBA 12356

SUBJECT: French situation re Conte Albert
TO : HQ, A.M.D., PIMONTE REGION
Ref: FR/CU/1/20
Date: 10th Sept. 1945.

1. On the 8th of Sept. 1945 the Countess of Triga called at this Office with ref. to her husband the Count of Triga and the following report is the gist of her conversation with me.
2. The Count was in jail in Torino for 6 months, being released when the Allies entered the City on the 5 May 1945. He returned to BRIGA on that day but was removed to France by the French on 12 May 1945.
3. He is residing at the ALBERGO FLORA - BRIGLIA - and has to report to the Police weekly.
4. The French Liaison officer states he is free to return to France if he wants to, but this is firstly denied by the Count in his letters to his wife.
5. The Countess has to take her letters uncensored, to the French L.O. at Turin for onward transmission to her husband. She does not know if her husband's letters are treated in a similar manner.
6. The Count has large interests in France as well as in BRIGA. He owns PALAZZO AUSONIA at MONTRE and probably this property was all left to British and American firms, when this was occupied by the Italians, the Count preserved all the effects of the various firms.
7. He continued to help American and British personnel who had moved to MONTRE CARIC, by taking them money. This was discovered by the Italian authorities and he was forced to relinquish his passport.
8. The Countess asked if diplomatic enquiries can be made regarding the return of her husband, she states that as he has such large interest in France this will have to be done with the greatest diplomacy otherwise his interest in that country will suffer.
9. Detail of the Count's arrest and "Stay" in France have been reported in previous letters FR/1/10/A dated 23 August and

to report to the Police weekly.

4. The French liaison officer states he is free to return to France if he wants to, but this is flatly denied by the Count in his letters to his wife.
5. The Countess has to take her letters unopened, to the French L.G. at TENIA for onward transmission to her husband. She does not know if her husband's letters are treated in a similar manner.
6. The Count has large interests in France as well as in BRICA. He owns PALAZZO ARSCHIA at NEWTON and pre-war this property was all let to British and American firms, when this was occupied by the Italians, the Count preserved all the effects of the various firms.
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A.E. GARDNER
Major R.A.
Provincial Commissioner
AMC. CUNEO
308y

COPY

TRANSLATION

COPY

The Commandant (Major) Caynard, Contact Officer at TENDA, declares that he has advised the Brigade de Gendarmerie of Villefrance s/Mer (A.Marching) to cease maintaining the Conte d'Alberti of Briga under surveillance (17th August 1945).

The only existing charge sheet against this gentleman is a note of the Military Security of the 1st D.F.I. asking to keep Count Alberti under surveillance, without any explanation whatever. The enquiry made about him at Nenton and Monaco are very good, and this was why I took the decision as stated.

Tenda, 18th August 1945.

CAYNARD

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Tenda, 18th August 1945.

GATWARD

587 *new*
- Ex Comm 206
HEADQUARTERS
PIEMONTE ZONE
ALLIED MILITARY COMMAND
APO 59.

REFERENCE: IR/MSQ/126.1

SUBJECT: French Situation - CHERO PROVINCE.

TO: CBI 2 District.

14th September, 1945

SEP 17 1945

1. Further reference this HQ IR/MSQ/126.1 dated 7 Sep 45.
2. Herewith copy of report of the Provincial Officer stationed in TEMA, CHERO Province.
3. The advisability of the immediate withdrawal of the French Liaison Officer from the TEMA area is again stressed.

By Order of COLONEL THOMAS.

W. J. Thomas

A. W. THOMAS,
Captain R.A.
Esso Staff Officer (R)

Copy to: Chief of Staff,
HQ AC

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14th September, 1945

SEP 17 1945

REFERENCE: HQ/ISO/126.1

SUBJECT: French Situation - OTAGO PROVINCE.

TO: GSI 2 District.

1. Further reference this HQ HQ/ISO/126.1 dated 7 Sep 45.
2. Forwarded copy of report of the Provincial Officer stationed in TEMA, Otago Province.
3. The advisability of the immediate withdrawal of the French Liaison Officer from the TEMA area is again stressed.

By Order of COLONEL THOMAS.

[Handwritten signature]

A. E. MONTGOMERY,
Captain R.A.,
Dago Staff (R-)

Copy to: Chief of Staff,
HQ AG

1 Encl.

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Copy.

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PROVINCIAL HEADQUARTERS
A.M.C. OMERO.

SUBJECT: French L.O. at Tenda.

TO: P.O. Omero Province

9 Sep 45.

1. Order of Gen. Doyen dated 3 Sep 45, ordered French Military Missions to leave Italian Frontier area by midday 4 Sep, with the exception of L.O. at Tenda.

L.O. at Tenda informed us today that there be no further instructions and will go to Nice for several days, returning Thursday.

2. There is no necessity for the "exceptions" stated above. Unable to ascertain motive for exception.

3. L.O. is either creating the impression, or allowing the impression to be created, that the French will be the ultimate authority eventually in this area.

4. Following incident reported:

A. A member of staff of L.O. presumably his cook, was reported as making this statement to a Pro French person in Bridge.

"continue the work as you are doing, they will keep you informed daily".

B. L.O. interested himself, by contacting Sinfasco and going to Omero to contact Lt. Viti, for the cause of the arrest of three Italians who caused a disturbance in Tenda on 2 Sep over the French problem.

Inquiries on arrest of Italian Nationals is "No business"

of a L.O.

5. In view of impending turn over, believe this situation

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SUBJECT: French L.O. at Tenda.

TO: P.O. Capo Province

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5. In view of impending turn over, believe this situation should be remedied immediately.

FRANK LONSTRAN Lt.
P.O. TENDA.

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HEADQUARTERS
PIEMONTE REGION
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 394

REFERENCE : PR/ESO/111.1

13 September 45

SUBJECT : Border Control.

TO : Chief of Staff, H.Q., A.C.

1. Adverting to this H.Q. PR/ESO/111.1 dated 1 September 45.
2. Herewith, for information, copy of signal addressed by District Two to French IV Corps with regard to Customs House and Caserma at COLLE DI MADDALENA.

BY ORDER OF COLONEL THOMAS

A.W. Micklewright
A.W. MICKLEWRIGHT
Captain, R.A.
Exec. S.O. (B)

Copy to P.C. Oneco.

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IMPORTANT

GSI DISTWO

FRENCH IV CORPS THROUGH 2 DIST FRENCH LIAISON DET
INFO : 7 AGRA AND PIEMONTE REGION

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1. REF. YOUR REQUEST FOR FRENCH FRONTIER POST TO REMAIN IN ITALIAN CUSTOMS HOUSE AND CASERMA AT COLLE DI MADDALENA N. 4762.
2. AND AUTHORITIES ON THE SPOT SUPPORT CLAIM OF CC.RR. AND GG.PP. THAT EFFECTIVE CONTROL CANNOT BE MAINTAINED FROM AGRENTERA N. 4858 4 KM FROM FRONTIER.
3. UNDERSTAND THAT NORMAL PEACETIME FRENCH FRONTIER POST IS BY NO MEANS BEYOND REPAIR.
4. IN VIEW OF ABOVE AND IMMINENCE OF SNOWFALLS WHICH WILL MAKE MOVEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION DIFFICULT ON BOTH SIDES OF FRONTIER REQUEST FRENCH POST BE WITH DRAWN FROM ITALIAN CUSTOMS HOUSE AND CASERMA.

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Message Centre No: T/7455

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Precedence: **IMPORTANT**

FROM: DISTWO

TO: FREEDOM CITE PHASE INFO ALCON ROME

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Ref your PX 41849 of 8 September.

Chief of Staff approved delay in answering until he has personally talked COMD 7 AGRA. This will be done on 13 September.

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Ref: 551/288/10.

14 Sept. 45.

My dear Dr. Frances,

I have forwarded a copy of your letter,
12/18272/43 of 9th Sept. 45, to AFR for such action
as they consider appropriate.

Yours very truly,

/s/ Henry W. Stone

HENRY W. STONE,
Rear Admiral, USN,
Chief Counselor.

Dr. Renato Frances,
Secretary General,
Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs,
Italian Government,
Rome.

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Ref: 931/287/RO.

13 Sept. 48.

Subject: French violations of Franco-Italian Border.

To: C-5,
ASIS.

Enclosed is a copy of a letter from the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs for any action you think appropriate.

Reference the last paragraph referring to French Military Missions. You will by now have received our signal 5254 of yesterday's date and the position appears to be that the only Italian Officers other than those operating at HQ 2 District and 7 ACRA are those at TRIESTE and VENTIMIGLIA.

For Chief Commissioner:

E. TALBOT

✓ Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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GEORGE FIVE AMHQ

REPEATED TWODIST

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12/9/45.

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IT WAS RECENTLY AGREED AS A CONCESSION TO THE FRENCH TO PERMIT A FRENCH
LIAISON OFFICER AT HEADQUARTERS TWODISTRICT AND FOR ANOTHER TO BE ATTACHED
TO SEVEN ABLE GEORGE ROGER ABLE PD AFTER CAREFUL CONSIDERATION WE ARE
OPPOSED TO EXTENDING THIS CONCESSION IN ANY WAY AND RECOMMEND THEREFORE
THAT THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT BE TOLD THAT NO LIAISON OFFICER CAN BE KEPT AT
TENDA PD IT IS NOTED FROM CHIEF OF STAFF'S LETTER OF FOUR SEPTEMBER TO
CHIEF OF FRENCH MILITARY MISSION CMA A COPY OF WHICH WAS SENT TO US ON SIX
SEPTEMBER CMA THAT SUPREME ALLIED COMMAND CONSIDERS THAT THE PRESENCE OF
ALLIED COMMISSION LIAISON OFFICERS WILL BE SUFFICIENT TO GUARANTEE THE SAFE-
GUARDING OF LOCAL FRENCH INTERESTS IN THE AREAS CONCERNED PD WITH THIS VIEW
WE ARE IN FULL AGREEMENT PD REFERENCE YOUR FOX XRAY THREE NINE SEVEN ONE ZERO
WE UNDERSTAND THAT COLONEL ROMANETTI IS STILL WORKING IN IMPERIA PROVINCE PD

Office of Executive Commissioner.

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I note ~~that~~ from COS letter of 4 Sept. to Chief of French Military Mission, a copy of which was sent to us on 6 Sept., that SAC considers that the presence of AC IOs will be sufficient to guarantee the safeguarding of local French interests in the areas concerned. With this view I am in full agreement.

Reference your PX39710 we understand that Colonel Bonanetti is still working in Imperia Province. ~~The attached is for your information.~~

~~Respectfully,
[Signature]~~

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Ministero degli Affari Esteri

12/18272/45

rough translation

Rome, September 5th, 1945

Dear Admiral Stone,

in your letter no 581/259/EC, dated August 21st last, you kindly informed me on the measures the Allied Commands have already taken or are in the process of taking with regard to what I had pointed out to you about the situation in some districts of our western frontier. I do hope that also the Hospice of the "Piccolo San Bernardo" will be evacuated soon.

I do wish to thank you very warmly for your personal and prompt intervention. The understanding and concern the Allied Authorities have shown in such delicate a question, give assurance that soon it will be possible to re-establish a normal situation in all territories of the western boundary. To this purpose I wish to bring to your notice subsequent reports concerning some other frontier-zones.

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Admiral Ellery W. STONE
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission

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p.t.o.

"Colle dell'Argentiera" - (Col de l'Arche).
French troops have remained in the Italian Custom house barracks, three hundred meters on this side of the frontier. The French soldiers go as far as Vinadio for their purchases, depriving the valley of the food it produces.

"Tenda" - At the last power-plant, 500 meters from the border in Italian territory, there is still a French detachment.

As at Aoste and at Ventimiglia, at Susa and Tenda too there are French military missions. There is no satisfactory explanation as to the presence of the missions, just as there is no explanation for the movement of French troops along the border line.

Believe me, dear Admiral Stone,

Very sincerely yours,

(SGd) PRUNAS

Tel: 53721

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HEADQUARTERS
PIEMONTE REGION
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 384.

7 September 1945.

REFERENCE: PR/ESG/115.1.

SEP 10 1945

SUBJECT : MILITARY MISSIONS.

TO : CHIEF OF STAFF, HQ. A.C.

1. The following is forwarded for information:-

(A) French Liaison Officers.

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

(B) French Military Mission - Repatriation of Allied Nationals.

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

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

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BY ORDER OF COLONEL THOMAS,

For Thomas 3877
A.M. MICKLEWRIGHT
Capt. R.A.
Exec. S.C. (B).

Copy to: P.C. Cuneo.
G.S.I. 2 District.

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Below 11 7 7 attach statement of concerning
French activities in border provinces. ~~2-2~~
~~Enclosed by~~

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HEADQUARTERS
PIEMONTE REGION
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 394.

7 Sept. 45.

SEP 10 1945

REFERENCE: PR/ESO/126.1.

SUBJECT : BORDER VIOLATIONS.

TO : CSI 2 DISTRICT
CHIEF OF STAFF, HQ. A.G.

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1. Herewith copy report PR/CU/1/10B and enclosures received from the P.C., Cuneo Province.

BY ORDER OF COLONEL THOMAS,

A. J. Nicklewright Lt

A. J. NICKLEWRIGHT
Capt. R.A.
Exec. S.O. (B).

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PROVINCIAL HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
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SUBJECT: Border Violations.

Ref: FR/CU/1/108

TO : Hq A.M.G. PIEMONTE REGION.

Date: 5th Sept. 1945.
SEP 10 1945

1. The following recent incidents along the Italo-French Frontier are reported:

a) on 21 August 1945 in the vicinity of COLLE di MAURIN (No 3877) 2 French Officers and 15 German Pws crossed into Italian territory approximately 5 Km and stole 4 sheep from a flock being grazed there.

b) on 28 August 45, 2 French Soldiers crossed the COLLE di MAURIN and about 3 Km inside Italian territory stole a sheep from a flock. When approached by the shepherd and a friend, they threatened them with rifles and made off with the sheep.

2. Copies of supporting CO.RR. reports are attached.

A.H. GARDNER
Major H.A.
Provincial Commissioner.
A.M.G. CUNEO PROVINCE.

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I undersigned OLIVERO Clemente of late Irito and OLIVERO Margherita, born in ACCEDOLIO the 5/12/1890, living in Acciglio (Frazione Saretto) peasant, declare what follows:

The day August 1945, about 1400 hrs. while I was grazing my flock on Maurin Colle of Acciglio, I saw coming down from the pass of Colle Maurin a group of German soldiers, headed by two French officers. This group was of about 15 German soldiers and two French officers, which reached the Grangia Gardetta marching in Italian territory for 5 or 6 km.

They carried no arms, except the two officers, which had a pistol each and stopped themselves in Italian territory until about 1600 hours, then returning in France, always through the pass of Colle Maurin.

As soon as these soldiers left the Colle, I counted my sheep and I noticed that four were missing, taken away from said group, as it was certified by an other French shepherd who was grazing his flock near the Italian border.

Said soldiers made no propaganda, nor gathered military news.

The sheep that were stolen had on their back and precisely on the right shoulder an "O" printed in red, and weighted about 60 kg each, thus a total of kg 240.

The damage caused by the robbery of the sheep amounts to about L. 30.000 (thirty thousand).

I bear witness of what above stated and, after having read the declaration, which I dictated, I sign and confirm

OLIVERO Clemente.

The Brigadier
COMMANDER STATION CARABINIERI
(Vincenzo Carcelli)

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LEGIONE TERRITORIALE DEI CARABINIERI (BATT. DI ALESSANDRIA).

GRUPPO DI CUNEO

N. 25/33 di Prot.
Risposta personale

CUNEO, 31 Aug 1945.

To Territoriale Military Command of GENOVA

To Regia Prefettura CUNEO

To A.M.C. Police Office CUNEO

To Office Rapp. Command Military
Terr. per la Provincia CUNEO

SUBJECT: Two French soldiers transgressing
Italian border report.

On the 28th inst. at about 1400 hours, two French soldiers, belonging to troops located on the French border, crossed the pass Colle Maurin, penetrating for 3 Km. in Italian territory.

They approached a flock of sheep belonging to Olivero Spirito, aged 18, living in Saratto frazione of Acciglio; they ran after a sheep and reaching it they took it tied it and returned towards the French border.

So as to get back the stolen sheep, Olivero with another shepherd called Celeste Antonio, approached the two French soldiers, who suddenly threatened the two shepherds with their rifles, succeeding in such way to keep the two peasants at bay and so re-entered in French territory with the sheep.

The Group Captain Commander

Agostino PIORI

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HEADQUARTERS
PIEMONTE REGION
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 394.

7 Sept. 45.

SEP 10 1945

REFERENCE: PR/ESC/126.1.

SUBJECT : FRENCH SITUATION - CUNEO PROVINCE.

TO : GSI 2 DISTRICT
CHIEF OF STAFF, HQ. A.C.

1. Herewith copy PR/CU/1/10 dated 6 Sept. and enclosures received from P.C. Cuneo.
2. The immediate withdrawal of the French Liaison Officer from TENIA is highly desirable from an AMG point of view.

BY ORDER OF COLONEL THOMAS,

A. W. Micklewright

A.W. MICKLEWRIGHT
Capt. R.A.
Exec. S.O. (B).

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PROVINCIAL HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
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SUBJECT: French Situation.

Ref: PR/CU/1/10

TO : HQ. A.M.S. PIEMONTE REGION.

Date: 6th Sept. 1945.

SEP 10 1945

1. Copies of the following reports are forwarded:

a) The detention of two school teachers from TENDA by the French for evidently political reasons. They were taken away on 22 May 45 during the French occupation of the Tenda area.

b) A Questura report on the General Situation existing in the TENDA area from a Political and Propaganda angle.

2. On night of 1 Sept. 45 Exhibit I was posted in TENDA.

TOSSELLO Camille a pro-French is suspected of posting the same and was arrested.

3. Major GAYNARD the French Liaison Officer TENDA, presented the attached letter (and translation) to the P.C. of TENDA after many requests by this HQ as to when a settlement of claims for requisitions damages etc. were to be cleared by him.

4. On 2 Sept. 45, 3 Pro-French elements were arrested at TENDA for fighting and disturbance of peace. They are now in gaol at BORGO S. DALMAZZO.

A.H. GARDNER
Major R.A.
Provincial Commissioner
AMG Cuneo Province.

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To: AMG

TENDA

Miss. Luisa DALMASSO late Germano and Taricco Caterina late Giovanni, were arrested on May 22 by the French Police and brought to Nizza Maritime.

Reason: The request to the population for money "pro new arms" for the Republican Fascist Party.

The brother of Luisa Dalmasso, undersigned, begs this Command, to grant him the repatriation on account of his sister's health.

Thanking you please accept my salutations.

EMILIO DALMASSO.

late Germano

Tenda, 3 September 1945.

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Cuneo, 1/8/1945. *284T*

To the PREFECT

To A.M.G. - P.P.S.O. -

SEP 10 1945

CUNEO

We transmit copy of report sent to us by the "Commissariato" of S. Dalmazzo di Tenda, and beg to inform as follows:

During the night of 23 inst. a meeting was held in the town-hall of the Commune of Briga, attended by the Sindaci of Ventimiglia, Tenda and Briga, and also by the A.M.G. Commander, of Tenda, with his interpreter who is an Italian. This meeting was held with the aim of hearing from the Sindaci of these communes about a possible autonomy of the whole zone of Valle Roia, as well as Valle Nervia, which includes even Dordighera. We ascertained that 14 Italian Comuni of the two above mentioned valleys, have assented to be independent, supported by 8 french Comuni of the two valleys.

Among the 8 French Communes we can enumerate - Pontan, Saorge, Breil sur Roya - Sospel - Mentone.

Little slips of paper were found along the streets of Briga Maritime hand written in French as follows: "Don't forget the battle of Authion" - "Tenda to the tendasques" - "Sabotage foreigners" we attach 2 slips, which have been found by us near S. Martino Square in Briga.

As you can see, on the second slip, the hatred of the inhabitants of Briga and Tenda, who have voted for France, is such, that they invite people to sabotage those who have not assented to vote and flatly call "Foreigners" the Italians who have behaved with dignity during the occupation in past of the French troops from 26 April to 10 July 1945, and during the insulting shameful and impudent propaganda of anti-italian and french elements.

We think it is not superfluous to repeat that during the occupation by the French troops the Italians, who had a patriot feeling, could not show it openly, as French patrols were ordered to arrest them.

Count Guido d'Alberti, on the 2 of May was arrested and brought to Nice (France) for his negative conduct when invited to vote for France.

Of course, he was led away from the Commune of Briga as having the Count a great influence over the population of Briga, the plebiscite would have had results. Up till now the Count has not been freed, they say it is because he had photographed a military ceremony which took place in that period, at Piazza Square, in Briga. The same thing can be reported for Ing. Bosia, of San Dalmazzo di Tenda, Manager of the Electric Stations, who on the 8 of May last, was arrested and brought to Nice on the pretence of having phoned to his Superiors of Genova about what was happening in the zone. It effectively results that Ing. Bosia had advised his workers

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not to take part to the votings, in order to avoid rigorous penalties on part of the General Direction of Genoa. Other Italians couldn't wear the tricolored badge, on the contrary those who had voted for France could wear the French badge.

There are many other episodes deserving to be considered, which have been already reported in due time to the Prefect of Genoa.

The propaganda of some french news-papers of Nice region is ruthless: they say that within a few days french troops will re-enter the territory of Briga and Tenda.

Even the French Custom Agents on duty at the barrier of the road pass of Valle Roia say that the plebiscite has been favourable to France and that the news of the annexation is official.

In the meanwhile we could ascertain that the french news-paper propaganda has much influenced the population of the two Comuni. Most part of its people is convinced that there is no doubt on the fact that the Comuni of Tenda and Briga will be annexed to France. At S. Eusebio of Tenda, on the contrary, people have no pro-french tendency, and the french Command itself defined the inhabitants of S. Eusebio as "anathematical" because, of course, they hadn't voted and were not inclined for France.

Since a few days the Sindaco of Briga is granting to the poor people of the place the sum of 500 liras, but some anti-Italians have advised them not to accept them because they could be compromised, as troops will arrive within a few days. They say that the sum is given to have people sign the ballot papers in favour of Italy.

Some of those who had accepted the money, gave it back to the Sindaco.

The people living in Briga is very displeased for the fact that the Carabinieri Command has not shown any energy against those who have voted for France, but that they are secretly working underhand, making a ruthless propaganda against Italy. They say that said authority takes no interest in the matter, on the pretence that they are not able to catch the agitators and propagandists.

The smuggling of food-stuff for France is going on with more intensity than before. Groups of smugglers have been seen crossing the military road going from Colle di Tenda - Casterino - Passo del Diavolo, to France. Besides we have been told that they are armed.

We beg to inform that on the 21 inst. the Prefect has been in the territory of Tenda and Briga.

THE QUESTORE
(Avv. Claudio Roggeri)

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CITIZEN OF TENDA

BE CAREFUL

Last night at 2100 hrs in the town hall, the ex "Direttorio" of the Fascio of Tenda has held a meeting: Mr. FORMICA, being temporary absent, was substituted by the Mayor Reg. DURERO.

The following fascists leaders were present to the meeting:

MARENGO	- Capt. of the Milizia.
PIGLIONE Mario	- ex fascist Commissioner of Mentone.
VASSALLO Antonio	- ex republican.
PAINAUDO Pietro	- ex president of G.I.D.
MASSA Mario	- ex "direttorio" of fascio.
MARRO Giuseppe	- ex fascist "podesta".

Citizens of Tenda keep on watch, fascists want to rule over Tenda again.

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GENERAL STAFF OF 36th D.I.
Col. Gaynard

Tenda-Sept. 1 1945.

Col. Gaynard, liaison officer with A.M.G. o.T. has the honour to inform that all requests of reimbursement, referring to requisitions and to war damages, are filed on their arrival in the documents of the Prefecture of Nice, and they will be payed by the French Government as soon as peace will be signed.

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R. MINISTERO DEGLI AFFARI ESTERI
IL SEGRETARIO GENERALE

12/18272/45
Roma, 11 SET 1945

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Caro Ambasciatore,

con Sua lettera n. 561/255/30 in data 21 agosto u. s., Ella ha voluto comunicarmi i provvedimenti già adottati o in corso di attuazione, da parte dei Comandi Alleati, circa quanto da me segnalato sulla situazione in alcune zone della nostra frontiera occidentale. Mi auguro che sia possibile procedere quanto prima anche allo sgombero dell'Ospizio del Piccolo San Bernardo.

Tengo a ringraziarla vivamente per il suo personale premuroso intervento. La comprensione e la sollecitazione di cui hanno dato sinora prova le Autorità Alleate in una questione così delicata danno affidamento che, in tutti i territori del confine occidentale, la situazione potrà essere al più presto ritornata alla normalità. A tale scopo le segnalo le informazioni che mi sono successivamente pervenute relative a talune altre zone di confine.

Vai al Suss - I francesi sono tornati in Valle Stretta e occupano ancora una casermetta al Passo della Soria a due km. al di qua del confine. Sono segnalati

All'Ambasciatore MILANO, 11 SET 1945
Chief Commissioner
Commissione Alleata

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si concentrano. Si truppe a Lussieuville e a Linder-
lard.

Val Pellice - Truppe francesi si muovono lungo il
confine con intensamenti poco chiari. Sono segnalati con
certezza a Valloire.

Colle dell'Argentera - (Col. de l'Argent). Truppe
francesi sono disposte nella catena della Dora Balnea-
da a trecento metri di quota. Sono segnalati con
certezza a Valloire e a Lussieuville. I rifornimenti della valle
sono in parte interrotti.

Passo - Il passo di Lussieuville è molto difficile e
per il confine sono segnalati un movimento francese
in territorio italiano.

Sono segnalati a Ventimiglia, a Nizza e a
Cassis di Nizza. Le truppe francesi sono
disposte lungo il confine. Sono segnalati con
certezza a Ventimiglia e a Nizza. Sono segnalati con
certezza a Ventimiglia e a Nizza. Sono segnalati con
certezza a Ventimiglia e a Nizza.

Con. della confinazione.

R. Ruffi

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSIC

Originator's Reference: FX 41849
Date/Time of Origin: SEP 081209Z

Message Centre No: F/6979
Date Time Recd: SEP 081800Z
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FROM: AFHQ SIGNED SAGRED CITE FROED
TO: ALCON RMR, DISTWO

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French Government is pressing for authority to retain a liaison officer at TENDA.

Stated reason is to get early information of any activities which might cause unrest at critical period while Italian peace treaty being discussed in LONDON.

AFHQ French representative says French willing to accept any restrictions as to activities of requested L.O. and would accept junior officer to be placed under command of Allied Civil Affairs L.O. being left at TENDA.

Chief of Staff is inclined favourably towards this request.

Desire your views urgently.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

RB/JMT

6 September 1945
SEP - 8 1945

SUBJECT: Administration of the Areas of BRIGUE and TENDA.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394

Forwarded herewith for your information and retention are copies of the following letters relative to the above subject.

a. Letter No. 492/ML/3 dated 25 Aug from Col. LAPARRA, Chief of the French Military Mission to AFHQ, to Chief of Staff, AFHQ.

b. Letter from Chief of Staff AFHQ in reply to (a) above.

For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5:



R. Barratt
R. BARRATT
Lt. Colonel

Incls:
as above

MP
(Steno Secy)
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C O P Y

French Military Mission to AFHQ

25 August 1945

G-3 Section

No 492/ML/3

Colonel LAPARRA,
Chief of the French Military Mission to AFHQ

To

Lt-General W. D. MORGAN, CB, DSO, MC,
Chief of Staff, AFHQ.

I have the honor of explaining to you below the French position on the French-Italian border questions in the light of instructions which I have received from the General Staff of National Defense and which were the subject of the interview you were good enough to grant me on the afternoon of 18 August. The French Command deemed it necessary to define this position on receipt of certain information which lead it to suppose that in a short time the Allies might contemplate evacuating the areas of Brigue and Tenda, handing over their entire administration to Italian authority.

The French Command considers that by the MORGAN-CARPENTIER agreement it placed in Allied hands the responsibility of looking after French material and moral interests in the frontaliere zone. This implies to its mind that, so long as no international charter exists to give to these interests the necessary guarantees, the Allies assume the responsibility of seeing to the justice of the Administration, the safeguarding of property and persons, the maintenance of order and calm, the prevention of any arbitrary act, etc. Tangible evidence that the Allies, in this spirit, are on their guard against anything being undertaken contrary to the moral obligations which are incumbent upon France in respect of these frontaliere populations, is precisely the presence in these areas of Allied authority. A basic change in their administrative regime could not be considered to be consistent with the spirit of the MORGAN-CARPENTIER agreement.

For this reason I immediately requested you that, whatever changes you might be intending to introduce in Northern Italy, that you preserve in these frontaliere regions the present administrative status by leaving the officers nevertheless, to be so clearly defined that these officers are always there as the efficient guardians of the impartial role which you have assumed, and that they constitute for the local population a higher authority to which appeal may be made in case of need.

You were good enough to consider this request reasonable and practicable, the retention of these officers representing, as it does, but a very small item, in view of the evident common interest of the Allies and France in the continued tranquillity of this zone. General HAMBLEN, whom I saw on your advice, was good enough to express on this subject an opinion analogous to your own. I am therefore fully confident that the well disposed action of the Allied Military Government will continue to give these frontaliere populations the support they need until the Council of Ministers in London has furnished them the indispensable guarantees. In the course of his

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conversation, General R. BLEN added that any event, a change in the administrative status of these regions would necessarily be the subject of a preliminary discussion by the Advisory Council for Italy and that the French Government would therefore be kept regularly posted through the channel of its representative on this council.

I have transmitted your reassuring statements to the General Staff of National Defense. The Government has been informed of them and has noted them with satisfaction.

I take this opportunity of personally expressing my thanks to you, seeing in them an assurance that the French-Italian frontier zone, pending a decision at London, will benefit from the state of calm which you have succeeded, so far, in maintaining.

(Signed) LAPARRA

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785017

4 September 1945.

SUBJECT: Administration of the Areas of BRIGUE and TENDA.

TO : Chief of the French Military Mission to AFHQ.

1. The matters raised by your letter of 25 August 1945 have been fully considered by this Headquarters and a firm reply can now be given.

2. The MORGAN-CARPENTIER agreement to which you refer was a purely military agreement concerned only with the relief of French forces by Anglo-American forces and the establishment of A.M.D. The agreement did not cover the subject of territorial administration except from the military point of view or the duration of such military administration. In the event of Northern Italy including the areas around Tenda and Brigue being handed back to Italian jurisdiction, there can, therefore, be no question of any inconsistency with the spirit of that agreement.

3. The question of the handover to the Italian Government of the territories in question is now under active consideration both by this and higher Headquarters. Should it be decided to put this handover into effect, it is the intention of the Supreme Allied Commander to retain for a period not yet determined, certain American and British Civil Affairs Liaison officers in the areas specifically mentioned by you.

4. These officers will not be in authority over the local Italian administration. It will not be among their duties to receive delegations or to take actions which are the normal functions of the civil administrators. They will assist allied persons who wish to do business with civil administrators in contacting the proper authority, and will report to higher authority any untoward instances affecting allied interests.

5. The Supreme Allied Commander considers, and feels sure that you will agree, that these civil affairs liaison officers will be sufficient guarantee to the safeguarding of local French interests in the areas concerned.

For the Supreme Allied Commander, Mediterranean Theatre.

W. D. MORGAN,
Lieutenant General,
Chief of Staff.

Copy to: Chief Commissioner,
Allied Commission.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

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Originator's Reference: 825

Message Centre No: F/6159

Date/Time of Origin: SEPT 1/1120B

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FROM: ASD LIGURIA REGION SIGNED SLEBY

Precedence: IMPORTANT

TO: HQ ALCON CITE ACENX

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Ref minutes executive commissioners meeting on 24 August, para 1 (b) subject French liaison officers. Request AFHQ be notified that Colonel ROMANETTI is still functioning in DARRIA Province.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

AUG 31 1945

Originator's Reference: FX 39710

Message Centre No: F/5958

Date/Time of Origin: AUG 30 1754

Date/Time Rec'd: AUG 31 0830

FROM: FREEDOM SIGNED SACRED CITE PHOCT

Precedence: ROUTINE

TO: DISTWO INFO ALCON

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Reference your GSI(A)103 of 29 August.

Para 1. Orders for withdrawal of French Liaison Officers being issued through French channels. Our letter G30P/72 of 17 August refers.

Para 2. Request you report 6 September on progress this withdrawal when matter will if necessary be raised again with French Mission.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

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Message Centre No: F/5958
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Subject French liaison officers at AOSTA SIDA TENDA and VENTIMIGLIA.

Reference conversation between BGS (OPS) AFHQ and GSO I (OPS) DISTWO on 28 August it is confirmed that the liaison officers are still there.

May decision please be given as to whether they stay or go. Our GSI 639 of 9 August and ALCOM 3723 of 15 August to AFHQ for GS Section refer.

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AUG 27 1945

SUBJECT : Political Situation - ACSTA

TO : Colonel N. E. FISKE,
Acting Executive Commissioner,
Hq Allied Commission APO 394

1. The following is a report on the political situation in Aosta, compiled from information gathered on my recent visit in that area.
2. Immediately after the collapse of the German Army in the Northwest sector of Piemonte Region, Aosta, the French set up a propaganda machine telling citizens of this area that persons owning land over 1500 meters above sea level would be exempt from taxes on such land for the next fifty years, as an inducement to bring about the annexation of this part of Italy with France.
3. It was learned that during this same period, a French Colonel opened an office in Aosta and appointed himself the "Military Governor of Aosta Valley." The movement was bearing fruit for the French and the feeling among Italians was strong for annexation, until several morapes ensued when Italian land-owning Partisans commenced to see through the false French propaganda and attempted to discourage belief in it on the part of citizens. As a result the French Colonel ordered the arrest of one of these Partisans and was later sent to France where he was sentenced to three months imprisonment for Anti-French activity. In another incident, a Partisan was brought before the French Colonel and thirty minutes later was found shot to death. This was investigated by Aosta Carabinieri and by South African Army Security Officers. Both agencies were unable to determine whether the Partisan was executed on orders of the "Military Governor..." or whether he had been shot by French soldiers. During the investigation, the above mentioned agencies were not permitted to question members of the French Army. Incidents such as these seem to have discouraged considerably the Italian pro-French attitude and enthusiasm to live under French Government control.

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4. There is a growing desire among citizens in Aosta for an Autonomous territory. The Italian Government may encounter difficulty in collecting heavy taxes in this area.

Clarence L. Farber
CLARENCE L. FARBER,
Captain, Ordnance
Public Safety Officer

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Ref: 581/80

22 August 1945

SUBJECT: French Liaison Officers in SUSA, AGOSTA, VEREDICCHIA and TERNI
TO : Regional Commissioner, Liguria Region
Piemonte Region

Enclosed for your information is a copy of AMH, G-3 Division's letter ref. G-3 Ope/78 of 17 August 45 on the subject of French Liaison Officers in SUSA, AGOSTA, VEREDICCHIA, and TERNI.

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Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

G-3 DIVISION

17 August 1945.

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SUBJECT: French Liaison Officers in SUSI, AOSTA, VENTIMIGLIA and TENDA.

TO : Colonel LAPARRA, Chief of French Military Mission to AFHQ.

Reference your So. 1115/ML/1 dated 6 August 1945, subject as above.

1. Conditions on the Franco-Italian border have improved and it is anticipated that the situation will remain calm. The retention of French Liaison Officers in SUSI, AOSTA, VENTIMIGLIA and TENDA would therefore serve no useful purpose. On the contrary their presence in these areas might tend to cause some confusion and make the efficient application of AGO difficult.
2. Control of the Franco-Italian border area will be assumed by the 7th Army Group Royal Artillery in the very near future, with Headquarters in TUDIN.
3. The Supreme Allied Commander regrets he is unable to accede to the request made by General Juin for the retention of the French Liaison Officers in SUSI, AOSTA, VENTIMIGLIA and TENDA. However, he has no objection to the assignment of one French Liaison Officer to Headquarters 7 AGRA, with the necessary communications, for as long as that formation remains in control of the Franco-Italian frontier area.

G. I. WHEELER

Brigadier General, U. S. Army
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3.

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Col. Fiske

Ref. 18.107/2047
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10 Oct 1945

AUG 24 1945

SUBJECT: Liaison Officers.

TO: Col. R. E. Fiske

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Enclosed is a matter for your attention while in Rome.

J. Wm. Cunliffe
J. Wm. CUNLIFFE
Major, 1st
Executive Officer

23/8 Copy of minutes of meeting furnished Ex Com.

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(S/K. M. Fiske)
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Ref: 581/259/EG.

21 August 1945.

My dear Dr. Prunas:

Reference is made to your letter of 4 August 1945, 14981/36, regarding activities of the French in the Val d'Aosta area.

Your letter has been given careful consideration, and I should like to inform you as to the steps already taken and action to be taken on each of the points brought up by you.

1. The French Military Mission at Aosta will be requested to leave. 46
2. The small garrison at Lincro-Vinadio has already gone.
3. It has been agreed by Army Commander that the French elements of the 15th Chasseurs Bgt. are to remain at the Ospizio del Piccolo San Bernardo.
4. The 250 shepherds of Val d'Aosta who were sent to Alta Savoia have been stopped.
5. The movement of civilians to and from France through the Seigne pass (Val d'Aosta) cannot be stopped as this has been a prerogative of the inhabitants in this area for generations.
6. Steps will be taken to close the office of Colonel Ruspatti. P4

The Regional Commissioner of Piemonte has been instructed to investigate the matter of the "sindaci" and "giunte comunali" appointees in the fourteen communes mentioned in your penultimate paragraph, and a report is expected in the very near future.

Yours very truly,

10/1/45

MILBY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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Dr. Renato Prunas,
Secretary General,
Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs,
Italian Government,
ROME.

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HQ 2 District
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3 Aug 1945

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MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD AT
HQ 2 DISTRICT ON 2 AUG BETWEEN
COMD 2 DISTRICT AND COMD 4 FRENCH CORPS

The following were present:-

Major General HAYES
Corps General DOWEN
Brigade General LORGER
Brigadier General HARRIS
Col FISKE
Lt Col Sir Nigel MONTAGUE St
Lt Col STACELAN
Maj BUREAU

Capt CHALANTON
Capt MOINE

Lieut HEAFLAT

Lieut PATEY

Comd 2 District
Comd 4 French Corps
Chief of Staff 4 French Corps
C-5 Fifth Army
At Adv HQ
CSO 1 (Ops) 2 District
CSO 1 (Int) 2 District
Chief of Civil Affairs
Sec (Seco Bureau) 4
French Corps
AEC to Comd 4 French Corps
Chief of French Increment
Fifth Army
Officer in charge of CIC
Italian Frontier Control
Detachment
Officer in charge of 2
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 Brigadier General HUME
 Col. PIERRE
 Lt. Col. Sir Nigel MORTIMER St
 Lt. Col. THORCH
 Maj. BUREAU
 Capt. CHALANON
 Capt. MOINE
 Lieut. BLAFLAUT
 Lieut. VARET
 Capt. L. French Corps
 Chief of Staff 4 French Corps
 G-5 FIFTH Army
 AC Adv. HQ
 GSO 1 (Ops) 2 District
 GSO 2 (Int) 2 District
 Chief of Civil Affairs
 Sec (Sms Bureau) 4
 French Corps
 ALC to Genl 4 French Corps
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Gen. DOWEN added that in general the frontier situation was
 satisfactory, that the most cordial relations had been maintained
 in the past between Fifth Army, IV (US) Corps and himself and that he
 was certain that the same happy state of affairs would continue in the
 future.

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AOSTA

2 Italian bordermen moving into FRANCE to work.

Gen DOYEN stated that an agreement had been reached with FIFTH Army whereby about 200 bordermen should be permitted to cross into FRANCE from AOSTA to work. Of these 2/3 had already crossed but 1/3 remained to be cleared. As the season was progressing he requested that their passage into FRANCE be expedited.

After discussion it was agreed that there was no reason why the remaining bordermen should not be cleared.

Action AG Adv HQ
CIC Italian Frontier Control.

3 Weekly newspaper in French for people of VAL D'AOSTA

Gen DOYEN said he understood that the people of VAL D'AOSTA wished to publish a weekly newspaper in French which would be subject to Allied censorship.

After discussion it was agreed that this was a matter which should be raised with the local AMT authorities by the people of VAL D'AOSTA themselves.

4 Distribution of French newspapers in Frontier Areas

Gen DOYEN asked whether it would not be possible to distribute say twice a week, newspapers published in FRANCE to the inhabitants of the frontier areas.

Col FISCH said he had heard that newspapers published on the French side of the border had recently printed articles attacking AMT. He had hoped to receive relevant cuttings in time for the meeting but they had not yet arrived.

Gen DOYEN stated that he studied the French newspapers very carefully himself but could only recall one instance namely when a NICE newspaper printed an attack on an American Lieutenant for alleged expression of anti-French sentiments. Gen DOYEN further stated that if Col FISCH would produce the cuttings he would be very glad to inter-

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It was agreed that the question of distributing French newspapers should be further examined before a decision was reached.

5. LITTLE ST BRUNNEN Hospice Frontier Post

Gen DOWEN stated that in accordance with a verbal agreement with IV(US) Corps the French Frontier Post at the LITTLE ST BRUNNEN Pass C 4601 was located in the Hospice which lay about 15 metres inside Italian territory. The reason for this was that all the suitable buildings on the French side had been destroyed. Two days ago this Frontier Post was invited to withdraw by the British Gunner unit on the Italian side.

C30 1(Ops) stated that this unit had just received a 6 (SA) Arm Div unit and were probably preparing of the agreement.

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Gen NAGES decided that the previous agreement would stand and that the French Frontier Post would remain at the Hospital.

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SUSA

6 French Transit Camp at SUSA

Gen NAGES referred to para 6 of the CASSETTA AGREEMENT which states:-

"The French Transit Camp for prisoners of war and displaced persons at SUSA will be maintained as long as the requirement for such an organization exists."

and asked what the present position was.

Gen LORING stated that the camp had been closed as from 22 July 45 at which time IV (US) Corps had been informed of the fact.

TEUa

7 Frontier Traffic

Gen DOZEN said that it was already possible for persons to circulate between VERMILHILL 5 88 and VICE 5 58 by means of a frontallier pass and that he would like to see the same arrangement for circulation between TEUa and NICE.

Lieut WILFLETT stated that as this only entailed an extension of the limits of the frontallier pass on the French side of the frontier, it was primarily an affair for the French to settle and it was agreed that Gen DOZEN's suggestion could easily be implemented.

Action CIO Italian Frontier Control Detachment in conjunction with French Base Bureau authorities.

8 Trans-Frontier Bus Service

Gen DOZEN said that by verbal agreement between Gen TRUSCOFF and himself a bus service had been instituted between TEUa N 8819 and NICE, but that it had not been allowed to go to

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Gen LOYER stated that the camp had been closed as from 12 July 45 at which time IV (US) Corps had been informed of the fact.

THUDA

7 Frontalier Traffic

Gen DORZIN said that it was already possible for persons to circulate between VERMIGLIA S 88 and NICE S 58 by means of a frontalier pass and that he would like to see the same arrangement for circulation between THUDA and NICE.

Lieut. SCHLAFER stated that as this only entailed an extension of the limits of the Frontalier pass on the French side of the Frontier, it was primarily an affair for the French to settle and it was agreed that Gen LOYER's suggestion could easily be implemented.

Action: CIG Italian Frontier Control Detachment in conjunction with French Joint Bureau authorities.

8 Trans-Frontier Bus Service

Gen DORZIN said that by verbal agreement between Gen TRESCOFF and himself a bus service had been instituted between THUDA N 8819 and NICE, but that this had lapsed since Frontaliers had not been allowed to go to NICE. When the Frontalier traffic between THUDA and NICE had been arranged (see para 7 above) he would like to see this bus service re-instituted.

It was agreed that this should be done.

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Action: AT 4th HQ

9 Winter Maintenance Route for THUDA Area

Gen DORZIN pointed out that as the tunnel linking THUDA with Italian territory to the North was very badly demolished and would need months of work to repair it, the only route from Italy for winter maintenance of the civil population of THUDA, THUDA N8817 and S 8819/20 188/19

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would be via VENTIMIGLIA, those inside French territory to TUNIS. Only Gen HENRI agreed that this was so. Gen DOREL pointed out however that this route was not yet ready. On the French side an estimated one month's work remained to be done and he had heard that there was two months to be done on the Italian stretch where no work had yet begun. In view of the fact that snow could be expected by about 15 Sep he suggested that work on the Italian side should begin as soon as possible, as the only alternative would be to supply the TUNIS area from the French side via NEXION 3 7886.

It was agreed that work should be started on the Italian stretch of the VENTIMIGLIA route.

Action AC Adv HQ

10 Electric Power

Gen DOREL stated that the present arrangement whereby a portion of electric power was drawn off into FRADUS from S DALLAZZO was working perfectly satisfactorily.

11 Italian troops near Frontier

Gen DOREL referred to para 3 of the G.S.ITALIA AGREEMENT which states that:

"As long as Allied troops are available, no troops of the Italian Army will be stationed within 15 miles of the frontier."

and said he understood that two platoons of Italian engineers were working on the road in the vicinity of ALBERTA and were doing steadily well.

Gen HENRI stated that orders had been issued for the relief of these engineers by civil labour and assured Gen DOREL that the G.S.ITALIA agreement would be observed.

LIAISON OFFICERS

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Gen NARES stated that orders had been issued for the relief of these engineers by civil labour as assured Gen DOWEN that the CASERTA agreement would be observed.

12 ITALIAN OFFICERS

12 French Liaison Officers in Italian Territory

Gen DOWEN said he was particularly anxious to retain his LO's at COSTA, SUSO, TENDI and VERMIGLIA as verbally arranged between himself and Gen THURGOOD because they were able to furnish him with precise information on local problems and were also available to advise and assist AIF on such problems.

Col FICKE stated that the Regional Commissioner PIERONI did not feel that these LOs fulfilled any useful function in regards assisting AIF.

Lt BRADLEY said that in this connection a possible source of friction arose from the practice of Lt Col SCHWARTZ, French LO at VERMIGLIA, issuing frontier laissez passes on his own account. Gen DOWEN stated he would have this stopped.

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Gen KINGS decided that he would refer the matter of the retention or otherwise of the French LOR to the Supreme Allied Commander. In the meantime the status quo would be maintained. Should it be decided that they would stay, an authorized establishment would have to be agreed for them.

Gen DOWEN stated that the present establishment was 1 officer, 1 driver, 1 orderly, 1 secretary, 2 cipher operators and 2 wireless operators in each of the four towns.

Action GSO 1 (Int)

13 Allied Liaison Officer with HQ 4 French Corps

Gen NARES said AFHQ had agreed in principle that a British GSO 2 (Liaison) should be attached to Gen DOWEN's HQ, from HQ 2 District and he hoped this officer would shortly be appointed.

POLICY IN DEALING WITH FRONTIER QUESTIONS

14 Gen NARES suggested and it was agreed by Gen DOWEN that in general many of the minor problems arising on the frontier could best be dealt with by the local authorities on the spot.

15 Gen NARES thanked Gen DOWEN for his visit and the meeting adjourned.

Lt Col
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I AGREE AND WOULD PREFER LIMITING FRENCH LIAISON OFFICERS TO DISTRICT
HEADQUARTERS AS RECOMMENDED IN MY THREE ZERO FOUR FIVE OF THREE AUGUST

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Executive Commissioner

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Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

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Asst Adjt.

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Ministere degli Affari Esteri

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Rome, August 14th, 1945
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Dear Admiral Stone,

I thank you very much for your letter of July 30th, in which you have kindly reassured me on the question of the threatened appointment of a French Consul Agent in Rome. I understand that this appointment has not been as yet submitted to the Allied Commission which has exclusive jurisdiction over such matters owing to the fact that the Rome province is still under the Allied Military Government's administration.

However as I had the opportunity to point out in my letter, dated July 21st, a French Military Mission, formed by three officers, four non-commissioned officers and a few privates, is still in Rome.

It has been reported that the Mission is headed by a certain Major Niel. At the same time, the troops and camp followers have been identified through the dislocation - mainly from the workers of the "Comme" plant - of leaflets urging evacuation to France and promising better economic conditions.

While I thank you again, Dear Admiral Stone, for the interest you take in this matter, I remain

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Admiral Sidney W. Stone
Chief Commandant
Allied Commission
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MINISTERO DEGLI AFFARI ESTERI
IL SEGRETARIO GENERALE

Roma, 11 14 AGO 1945

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Caro Ammiraglio,

La ringrazio sentitamente per la Sua cortese lettera del 30 Luglio u.s. con la quale Ella ha voluto assicurarmi circa la minacciata nomina di un agente consolare francese in Aosta, nomina che, come Ella mi comunica, non è stata per ora sottoposta alla Commissione Alleata, la quale è sola competente nella materia, trattandosi di provincia tuttora amministrata dal Governo Militare Alleato.

Mi risulta tuttavia, come ho già avuto occasione di riferirle con la mia lettera del 4 agosto u.s. che alla data del 21 luglio si trovava ancora ad Aosta una missione militare francese composta di tre ufficiali, quattro sottufficiali e di qualche uomo di truppa.

Il Comandante sarebbe un tal Maggiore Nicolet. Nello stesso tempo è stata intensificata la propaganda

Ammiraglio Ellery W. STONE
Chief Commissioner
Commissione Alleata

a mezzo di manifestini distribuiti soprattutto agli operai delle officine "Cagne" incitanti all'annessione alla Francia e promettenti miglioramenti economici.

Nel ringraziarla ancora per l'interessamento da Lei dimostrato alla questione Le prego di credermi, molto cordialmente

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HEADQUARTERS
PIEMONTE REGION
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
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13 AUG 1945
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SECRET

Office of the Deputy Regional Commissioner

REFERENCES: FR/DRG/FR.
SUBJECT: Frontiers.
TO: Civil Affairs Section,
H.Q., Allied Commission.

9th August, 1945.

1. Herewith copy of report received from P.C. Aosta.
2. May this H.Q. please be informed specifically if any action is desired at this time.

For the REGIONAL COMMISSIONER.

W. Turner-Coles

W. TURNER-COLES.
Lt-Col.,
Deputy Regional Commissioner.

Copy to: P.C. Aosta.

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ALLIED MILITARY-GOVERNMENT

AOSTA PROVINCE

SECRET

TO : Regional Commissioner, HQ AMG Piemonte Region.
 FROM : Provincial Commissioner, AOSTA Province.
 SUBJECT : Frontiers.
 REF : PR/AO/2SEC.
 DATE : 7 August 1945.

1. I refer to the Special Order of CO. 7 AGRA enclosed with your PR/ESO/111.1 of 2 August 1945 and to the minutes of a meeting held at HQ 2 District on 2 August between Comd 2 District and Comd 4 French Corps.

2. Brig. Graham states in paras 3 and 4 that "F.M. Alexander has pledged his word that the frontier zone shall be kept clear of French and Italian troops "and" no lack of request from an AMG Officer can set aside our obligations as a military force to prevent the movement of French or Italian troops within 15 miles of the frontier".

This is not in line with the verbal agreement referred to in para 5 of the above mentioned minutes whereby a French Frontier Post is allowed to remain at the Little St Bernard Hospice, which is certainly more than the 15 metres inside Italian territory mentioned by Gen Doyen (unless he is anticipating a future adjustment of the Franco-Italian frontier at this spot). Evidently as a result of General Nares's decision the French troops which were to move out leaving only police (gendarmes) have remained; thus considerably facilitating the spreading of pro-French propaganda, since the soldiers normally come down to La Thuille in this province for recreation.

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4. Referring to para 2 of above mentioned minutes, about 250 herdsmen crossed via the Little St. Bernard on 26 July. It was not known that any more remained to cross. Of those that did some forty are believed to have returned clandestinely, a further three being picked up with passes issued by a French Lieutenant, authorising them to cross by the Col du Mont (H5492) which is not a recognised crossing point. The matter is being taken up with the French Liaison Officer.

A.E. HOWELL.
Major Int Corps
Provincial Commissioner
Aosta Province.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
ALGERIA REGION

5th August 1945

AUG 14 1945

LIG/HQ/119

SUBJECT : Relations with the French.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission (Att Executive Commission-
ner)

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With reference to this Headquarters LIG/HQ/119 of
30th July 1945, Provincial Commissioner, IMPERIA Province,
reports that French Consuls have now been appointed both at
SAN REMO and VENTIMIGLIA.

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M. CANR,
Brigadier,
Regional Commissioner.

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INCOMING MESSAGE
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Original's Reference: P145

Date/Time of Origin: AUG 121120Z

Message Centre No: F/3680

Date Time Rec'd: AUG 122000Z

Precedence: IMPORANT

FROM: PIEMONTE REGION

TO: ALCOM CITE ACEKO RPTD ALCOM FOR MARSHALL

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3. No French troops LIMONE or VINADIO. One liaison officer and 3 other ranks at TENDA.
4. Approx 25 French troops in SOUSA in connection with displaced French nationals.
5. Written report follows.

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(S/Comm. Secy) P.M.P.

Ministero degli Affari Esteri

14/001/36

Aoste, August 4th 1945

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Dear Admiral Stone,

From information received by an absolute reliable source, it emerges that the evacuation by French troops of our frontier region cannot be considered completed and, in any case, it has not put an end to the activity of some French elements favouring a change in the political status of the "Val d'Aoste" and other territories adjoining the boundary.

I deem it is the case to inform you of the

following circumstances:

- 1) A French military mission - three officers and a few men - have remained in Aoste, carrying on an annexionist propaganda.
- 2) In the Stura and Vermenagna valleys the withdrawing French troops have left behind, in the more important centres (Lione - Vinadio), small garrisons with very well defined purposes.
- 3) French elements belonging to the 18th "Tgt. Chasseurs" have remained in the "Piccolo San Bernardo" hospice.
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Admiral Henry M. STONE
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
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goes on through the Seine pass (Viel d'Anze).

6) During the days of the French military occupation electric power produced by the important power-plants of the "Alsace-Moselle" region, was diverted and conveyed to France. This situation has not been corrected, so that Italian industries in the whole of Liguria are deprived of the electric power which is necessary for their functioning and reconstruction work.

7) The region of Ventimiglia deserves special attention. The French Colonel Romaneli, with some officers and about 30 men, has remained there. He continues to carry on a strong, though quite disguised, propaganda. His presence constitutes a centre of unrest in the region: so much so that it is feared it may raise incidents between local patriots and French nationalized natives who arrived from the other side of the border.

It is to be noticed too that mayors and municipal councillors, appointed by the French Authorities during the occupation are still in office! This happens in 14 communes, among which there are Apricale, Dolcesacqua and Vellecrosia, where the known plebiscites were called and where an especially intensive propaganda in favour of annexation to France was carried on.

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In order to ensure the hoped for engagement of the people's minds, it seems necessary that these city administrations be eventually substituted and that Col. Romanetti leave the region.

With reference to previous recent communications on the same subject, I beg leave to insist in calling to your attention the advisability that in the Italian territories bordering France, the situation be brought back to normal as early as possible, and that all manifestations which may trouble

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The industrious life of their inhabitants be brought to
an end.

Believe me, dear Admiral Stone,

Very sincerely yours

(Sgd) PHOMAS

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DESIRE TO DISCUSS THIS MATTER WITH YOU ON MONDAY PD REQUEST YOU
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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: 031 639
Date/Time of Origin: 10/16/43
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Date Time Recd: 10/10/43
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Subject: French Liaison Officer of rank not above Major with

Reference your BX 14275 dated 5 August requesting our views and

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to all.

1. Agree with views expressed in ALCON signal 3045 of 1 August but in view of strong representations made by General D'AMER on 28 August whereby one Liaison officer of rank not above Major with wireless team be attached to Dr. 7 AGSA at TURIN which formation will shortly be responsible for whole Italy-French border.

2. This solution would prevent direct interference by French in AMT affairs and would go some way towards meeting General D'AMER's requests.

3. Attaching officer to the local formation HQ and retaining Liaison on military basis would also avert mention of AGSA or contingents Italian Government with established local French representation, as influencing Civil Affairs.

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Subject French Language ~~6444~~ in Africa, South America and West India.

Reference your 77 32270 dated 7 August regarding our views on

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1. Agree with view expressed in AIDG dated 3 August 1968 that it is not possible to determine whether or not there are any persons who have been arrested by the French authorities in connection with the activities of the "Front National de Libération" (FNL) in the Congo.

2. This solution would prevent direct interference by French in Arab affairs and would go some way towards meeting General DOTTI's requests.

3. Attaching officer to the local formation HQ and keeping liaison on military basis would also be maintained by absence of confounding Italian Government with established local French representation of influencing Civil Affairs.

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Translation

State Department
The Secretary General
14981/36

Rome 4 August 1945

AUG 10 1945

Dear Admiral,

From a reliable source, I have been informed that the evacuation of our frontier zone by French troops cannot be considered as complete, and anyhow, hasn't put an end to the activity exercised by French elements in favour of a change in the political settlement of Val d'Aosta and other territories in the neighbourhood of the border.

In particular, I think I ought to point out to you that :

- 1) a French military mission has remained at Aosta; it is composed of three officers and a few other ranks who go on making propaganda for the annexion.
- 2) when leaving the Stura and Verbanagna Valleys, the French troops left without a well defined aim, small garrisons in the most important centres (Limone-Vinadio).
- 3) French elements of the 13th Chasseurs Bgt. remained in the Ospizio del Piccolo San Vernaldo.
- 4) During the first days of July, French officers proceeded to recruit 250 inhabitants of the Val d'Aosta to send them to Alta Savoia as shepherds.
- 5) An intense coming and going of civilians to and from France is still going on through the Seigne pass (Valle d'Aosta).
- 6) Special attention must be given to the Ventimiglia Zone. There remains with a few officers and about thirty other ranks, a French Colonel called Romanetti, who goes on making an intense but discreet propaganda and forms the agitation centre of the whole zone, in a way which makes it to be feared that his presence may cause incidents among local ex-combatant patriots and elements coming from the same region, and naturalized French, coming from the other side of the border.

It must also be observed that the 'sindaci' and the 'giunte comunali' appointed by the French Authorities during the period of occupation are still in charge. This is a matter of 14 communes, among which those of Apricale, Dolcacqua, and Vallecrosia, in which the famous phibiscites were ordered, and propaganda for annexion to France was particularly intense. To calm the spirits, it seems necessary to have these communal administration replaced little by little, and Colonel Romanetti removed from this zone.

Referring to the other communications on the same subject which I sent you lately, I take the liberty of again drawing your attention on what

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I have/.....

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I have just mentioned and on the advisability of having the situation normalized as soon as possible along the border and putting an end to all manifestations which might trouble the working life of the inhabitants.

I remain, my dear Admiral,

Yours very truly,

s. R. Prunas

Admiral Billy E. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
Rome. C

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MINISTERO DEGLI AFFARI ESTERI
IL SEGRETARIO GENERALE

Roma, 11

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Caro Ammiraglio

da informazioni di sicura fonte mi risulta che l'evacuazione delle truppe francesi dalla nostra zona di frontiera non può considerarsi completa e non ha messo comunque termine all'attività svolta da elementi francesi in favore di un mutamento nell'assetto politico della Val d'Aosta e di altri territori prossimi al confine.

Ritengo opportuno segnalarLe in particolare:

1) ad Aosta è rimasta una missione militare francese, composta di tre ufficiali e qualche uomo di truppa, che continuano a fare propaganda annessionista.

2) Nelle Valli della Stura e della Vermentagna, le truppe francesi ritirandosi hanno lasciato, con scopi non ben definiti, piccoli presidi nei centri più importanti (Limone - Vinadio).

3) Nell'Ospizio del Piccolo San Bernardo sono rimasti elementi francesi del 13° Bgt. Chasseurs;

4) Ai primi di luglio ufficiali francesi hanno proceduto al reclutamento di circa 250 valdostani per in-

Ammiraglio Hilary W. STONE

Capo della Commissione Alleata

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viarli nell'Alta Savoia e adibirli a lavori di pastorizia.

5) E' continuato un intenso passaggio di civili da e per la Francia attraverso il colle della Seigne (Valle d'Aosta).

6) Particolare attenzione merita la zona di Ventimiglia. Colà è rimasto, con alcuni ufficiali e una trentina di uomini, il colonnello francese Romanetti il quale continua a svolgere un'intensa, per quanto velata, azione di propaganda e costituisce un centro d'agitazione di tutta la zona, tanto da far temere che la sua presenza possa dar luogo ad incidenti tra i locali patrioti ex combattenti ed elementi, oriundi della zona naturalizzati francesi, giunti d'oltre confine.

E' infine da notare che i sindaci e le giunte comunali insediate dalle Autorità francesi nel periodo dell'occupazione militare sono tuttora in carica! Si tratta di 14 comuni, tra cui quelli di Apricale, Dolcesacqua e Vallecrosia nei quali vennero indetti i noti plebisciti e dove la propaganda in favore di un'annessione alla Francia è stata particolarmente intensa. Sembra necessario, ad ottenere l'invocata pacificazione degli animi, che queste amministrazioni comunali vengano progressivamente sostituite e che il colonnello Romanetti venga allontanato dalla zona.

Nel riferirmi ad altre comunicazioni sullo stesso argomento che ho avuto occasione di indirizzarle di recente, mi permetto di insistere nel richiamare la Sua attenzione su quan



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IL SEGRETARIO GENERALE

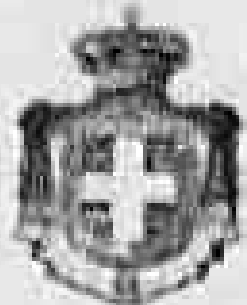
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Mi creda, caro Ammiraglio, con viva cordialità

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Rel: 478603

Ref: 582/208/SC.

10 August 1945.

SUBJECT: Liaison Officers.

TO : Representative of the Chief Commissioner, A.C.,
MILAN.

1. I am directed to refer to para 2 of your letter AC/ADV.4.1 dated 23 July addressed to the Regional Commissioner, Liguria Region, and to enquire whether any further information has yet been obtained concerning the agreement with General Doyen.

2. Full particulars, and if possible a copy of this agreement, should be forwarded to this Hq as soon as possible.

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Copy to: R.C. Liguria Region.

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HEADQUARTERS
LIBERIA REGION
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 394

AUG 6 1945

3 August 1945

Ref: Lia/HQ/119

SUBJECT: French Representatives in Ventimiglia.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, Attention: Executive Commissioner. 231

1. Inclosed is a copy of a report regarding conditions on the French frontier which has been received through C.S.B. A further report has been received that on 28 July 1945 a French lieutenant from the Genie Militaire was observed completing geographical sketches which, he is said to have admitted, he had been unable to finish before July 10th. General Geraud, Commanding the 36th Division, visited Provincial Headquarters, Imperia Province, on 30 July 1945, and his attention was drawn to the number of French military vehicles taking food, etc., from Italy. The General promised energetic action which he since appears to have taken.

2. The question of the withdrawal of A.M.G. in the near future from Imperia Province was discussed yesterday with the Vice President, Civil Affairs Section (Généralier Vignon). In this connection the inclosed report may be of interest. If an undertaking has been given that the frontier zone shall be kept clear of French and Italian troops or illicit propaganda until such time as a true and free plebiscite can be held, or the territory is allotted by the Peace Conference, it appears to me to be almost essential to keep the territory concerned under A.M.G. until either of the foregoing conditions has been fulfilled. Presumably it will be necessary to maintain Allied troops in the area if Italian troops are not to be permitted.

3. As regards the presence of French representatives in Ventimiglia, I understand that a conference on this subject is being held. I am presuming

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3. As regards the presence of French representatives in Ventimiglia, I understand that a conference on this subject took place at your Milan office on August 2nd. I am presuming that Headquarters, Allied Commission at Rome is dealing with the subject, and therefore I am not sending copies to the Allied Commission Milan office.

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Brigadier

Regional Commissioner

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(S. Land Policy)

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Date: 26 July 1945

When the French left the zone "of the 14 Communes" on 10 July 1945, they let it be understood either with confidences made by officers, or with vigorous "au revoirs" of the departing French troops, or with the certainty with which people, who in the period of occupation had been very close to the "desiderosi" and to the will of the French Headquarters, declared that they were certain that the return of the French to the said zone would occur not later than the 15th of September.

Now, these rumors within the course of a week have assumed still more consistency, and the population lives in that same mental suffering in which it lived two months ago. He who in the period of French occupation was openly opposed to the purpose of the French, or he who was not too yielding to their desires, "fears" the return of the troops of the French army. One hears repeated again, as in the recent past: "we must lock out", "we must pay attention", etc. The presence in VENTIMIGLIA of Col ROMANETTY and of Commissary VASSER, and the continual contacts of the French officers with their "friends", serve to give a certain concreteness to those (rumors) which are becoming something more than "rumors".

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: **FX 32278**
Date/Time of Origin: **AUGUST 5/1023B**

Message Centre No: **8/2742**
Date/Time Rec'd: **AUGUST 5/1420B**
Precedence: **PRIORITY**

FROM: **AFHQ SIGNED SACRED CITY PHOTO**
TO: **ACTION: DISINFO INFO: ALLIED COMMISSION**

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Request your views soonest on ALLIED COMMISSION 3045 of 3 August

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INFO : **CHIEF COMMISSIONER
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French consular offices in Italian
frontier provinces prior to the war:

Piedmont:

Turin-consulate

Cuneo-consular agency

Liguria:

Ventimiglia-consulate

Bordighera-consular agency

Imperia-consular agency

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
LIGURIA REGION

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30th July 1945 AUG 3 1945

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LIG/HQ/119

SUBJECT : French Representatives at VENTIMIGLIA

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

1. With further reference to this H.Q. letter LIG/HQ/119 of 24 Jul 45, enclosed is a copy of the answer of the French General Commanding the 36th Division to enquiries made as to the continuance of the French H.Q. at VENTIMIGLIA;
2. These enquiries were instituted before this Headquarters received any information as to any agreement between the French and Allied Authorities as regards French Liaison Officers being left in the area.
3. In view of the agreement referred to above, the Provincial Commissioner, IMPERIA Province, has been instructed to refrain from pursuing this matter in view of the fact that it is now one which is being dealt with by higher authority.

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M. CARR,
Brigadier,
Regional Commissioner.

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TRANSLATION.

By your letter Lig/Imp/PC/20 of 23 July, 1945 you ask me to notify of the date on which Colonel Romanetti and his Staff would be recalled to France.

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I will, however, transmit your demand to General Doyen and will not fail to inform you immediately of any instructions he may give on the matter.

I pray you to accept, my Colonel the expression of my most cordial sentiments.

(Signed) L. Cazaud

General Commanding 36th Division.

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for Information.

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3 Aug. 45.

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LIAISON OFFICERS OF FRENCH ARMY IS SUBMITTED TO

PASSE TO GEORGE WINE FOR ACTION REPEATED DISTTWO USA REGIONAL COMMISSIONERSLIGURIA AND PIEMONTE FOR INFORMATION FROM HEADQUARTERS ALCON CITE ACME PAREN

GENERAL DOYLE HAS REQUESTED GENERAL HARRIS THAT LOCAL LIAISON OFFICERS BE
 CONTINUED IN BORDER COMMUNITIES IN ITALY AND REGIONAL COMMISSIONERS ARE
 OPPOSED TO THIS ON GROUND THAT THEY SERVE NO GENUINELY USEFUL PURPOSE AND
 ONLY ADD TO CONFUSION ALREADY EXISTING TO IT IS VIEW OF ALLIED
 COMMISSION THAT AFTER FIFTEENTH AUGUST MILITARY LIAISON SHOULD BE EXERCISED
 ONLY AT DISTRICT LEVEL TO THIS PARTICULARLY TO AVOID CONFRONTING ITALIAN
 GOVERNMENT WITH ESTABLISHED LOCAL FRENCH MILITARY REPRESENTATION IN ITALIAN
 TERRITORY ON TRANSFER OF TERRITORY TO ITALIAN GOVERNMENT TO GENERAL HARRIS
 WILL EXPRESS HIS VIEWS DIRECTLY TO

Officer of Executive Commissioner.

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P. Talbot

Lieut. Col.

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avoid confronting Italian Government with
established local armed military representation
in Italian territory on transfer of territory
to Italian Government. General Nares will
express his views directly -

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INCOMING MESSAGE

RE QUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: F 31261

Date/Time of Origin: AUG 021535Z

Message Centre No: F/2352

Date/Time Rec'd: AUG 030830Z

Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: FREEDOM SIGNED SACRED CITE PHOEG

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TO: HQ ALCOM ROME

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Reur 2614 for our information.

No objection to presence of consular representatives in places named. Consider liaison representatives undesirable. Request information as to what consular representatives French had in Italian frontier provinces prior to war.

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Tel: 478503

9 August 1945.

Ref: 4213/30/80.

SUBJECT: Incidents on French Frontier.

TO : Regional Commissioner,
Piemonte Region.

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1. Reference is made to your signals P 126 of 25 July and P 136 of 2 Aug 45.

2. This HQ continues to receive reports through the French Embassy, AMB and diplomatic sources in Paris, regarding the present state of affairs in the frontier provinces.

3. It is requested therefore, that when you are in Rome next week you will be prepared to make a full report on the whole subject, with particular reference to the question of grazing in the Isola area, raised in this HQ signal 2434 of 24 July.

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4. In addition to the above, the Italian Government allege that French troops have remained in the Ospizio del Piccolo San Bernardo and such places as Livone and Visadio, and that there is a French Military Mission in Aosta. It is thought that these reports, if they have any foundation, may be out of date, and you are requested to bring to Rome a statement of the present position with regard to any French Military Mission, or troops that may remain in your Region.

5. This HQ's recommendations to AMB on the subject of French Liaison Officers were contained in signal 3045 of 3 Aug of which you have a copy.

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E. TALBOT

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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Ref: 4213/23/30.

7 August 1945

SUBJECT : Incidents - Italian French Frontier.

TO : Polad (A).

1. I am directed to refer to your letter dated 17 July 45 forwarding a paraphrase of a telegram despatched from Paris on 13 July.

2. The Regional Commissioner, Piemonte has investigated the points raised in this telegram, and reports that there have been no lynchings or similar acts of violence in TURIN, LA SERRA, or elsewhere in the Region. There have been a few cases of women's heads being shaved but these cannot be in any way construed as reprisals or connected with the French evacuation; as is known to you, similar incidents have occurred in other parts of Italy.

3. It is considered that the reports published in the French press are either unfounded or have been grossly exaggerated.

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✓ Chief Staff Officer,
To Executive Commissioner.

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Ref: 4213/ /90

SUBJECT: Incidents - Italian French frontier.

TO : Polad (A).

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Chief Staff Officer,
To Executive Commissioner.

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31 July 1945 AUG 3 1945

SUBJECT: Conditions in Tende and La Brigue

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission,
I.S.C. 794

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Attached are reports culled from French newspapers on the situation in Tende and La Brigue for your appropriate action.

For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3:

C. F. [Signature]
Major, I.S.

Encl:
as above

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From "L'Espeir", Nice - Thursday 12 June 1945

WHERE THE FASCIST METHODS REAPPEAR
No. 211
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No. 211, the inhabitants of Tende and La Brigue must fly
and the young girls have their heads shaved for having
danced with French soldiers

".....Monday at noon the French Forces had entirely evacuated Tende and La Brigue. There only remained the American Troops of occupation and the A.M.G.O.T. administration under command of the American Lieutenant Vito Gambaldi, a purely yankee name as may be seen, who since taking up his duties has never concealed his evident Francophobia.

Besides him reigns at La Brigue a local authority represented by the one-time pork butcher at Nice, Francois Dalfin so-called "Paparuta", instructor of the G.I.L. (Italian Coastal Youth) and President of the Volunteer Militia of National Security (Italian) a creature of Mussolini's regime who still exhibits in his apartment a photograph of himself as Lieutenant of the Fascio.

There was also a communal Police, legally set up and formed of volunteer recruits from the patriotic youth of the district. But... therein enters the drama actually enacted on that strip of French land subjected to an odious oppression.

Italian Occupation

The affair started Monday as soon as the French Forces had left. At 13 hours the Italian carabinieri and finance guards invaded Tende and La Brigue. There and then started "Occupation" in its worst military expression.- Now we are in Italy here, said one, And we will teach you, said another.

The French posters were publicly torn off. The fascists were delighted and showed themselves in their true light.....

The situation is serious for the young men of the communal Police who remained courageously at their post, wearing the tricolor armband (which they should have done as the convention specified that the police would be exercised by the local municipality.)

In order to avoid serious incidents, Commandant Gaynard had them retreat to Fontan with the arms they held legally. They are thirteen from Tende.....

But the carabinieri and finance guards would not have it so. They pursued them and using a detour, formed a road block, stopped the French truck, and, under threat of their sub machine guns, brought the Communal Police back to Tende. There, they were all searched, disarmed and put in jail. The military authorities had to intervene that evening to get them released.

The French Military Security then took charge of them; they were brought to Fontan and thence to the Repatriation Center of Villefranche s/mer which they reached on Wednesday at 15 hours.....

Italian reprisals

Things are pretty bad in Tende and La Brigue. A wave of reprisals has fallen on these authentic Frenchmen who, following the official assurance given them, had naturally manifested their patriotic sentiments and republican ideas. Young girls were shaved for having danced with French soldiers. The inhabitants suffer under the regime of police terror from gangs calling themselves "Partigiani" who really are fascists in disguise.

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These men, who for tacit consent of the authorities led by the American Lieutenant Vito Gambaldi, have taken over the directives of the "Black Shirts". Tracts are distributed which claim "our country stops at the Var" and the other fascist leit-motifs on the Italian nationality of "Nizza Nostra".

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This has resulted in disturbances but the Italian Forces are all powerful in Tende and La Brigue and the inhabitants have no other resource but flight. Twenty of these unhappy people arrived this morning at Fontvieille after escaping through the mountains.....

All we ask is:

1- Will the American authorities who hold all the powers of Forces of occupation permit the exactions which are taking place with the consent of their representative Vito Gambaldi?

2- Will the French Government allow French people to be thus treated by fascist gangs because they manifested sentiments that that Government had authorized them to express.

The French did not rid themselves of the Nazi oppression and of the Gestapo to fall under the law of the Fascists.

From L'Espoir Nice, Friday 13 July.

A SECOND CONVOY OF INHABITANTS OF TENDE AND LA BRIGUE ARRIVED YESTERDAY IN NICE.

A second convoy of inhabitants of Tende and La Brigue who fled their country terrorized by the gangs of "Fascist-partisans" arrived yesterday evening at Nice.

They have written an account of the deeds they witnessed or were victims of, this account will be transmitted to General De Gaulle.....

Remissness and complicity

In all these affairs, the carabinieri were accomplices of the "Fascist-partisans" and the population received no protection from the American authorities. Lieutenant Vito Gambaldi who is in charge of the official occupation by US Forces has stated that he could do nothing and advised the French to cross the border....

It would appear that the coup de force which has put the populations of Tende and La Brigue at the mercy of the fascist gangs is due to Daltin Papparuta whom the Americans have installed as Mayor of La Brigue.....

The population of the town is reduced to a minimum. The inhabitants hide in the neighborhood but patrols of "partigiani" range over the countryside as werewolves. The aim is clear as daylight: to terrorize the people and bring them to sign petitions for the attachment of that part of the Nice district to Italy.

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: P136

Date/Time of Origin: AUG 021615E

Message Centre No: F/2394

Date/Time Rec'd: AUG 030900E

Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: HQ PIEMONTE REGION SIGNED MARSHALL
TO: ALCOM FOR AC EX C

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1. Your number 2906 of 1 August refers.
2. There have been no lynchings or similar acts of violence in TENDA BRIGA area or elsewhere in PIEMONTE Region. A very few minor haircutting incidents have occurred. These cannot in any way be construed as reprisals nor connected with French evacuation.
3. In the event of any incident of sufficient importance prompt report will be made to your Hq.
4. Para 3 our P 126 applies and is repeated.
5. Believe all such reports arriving your Hq are either pure fabrication or gross magnification. Request strong measures be taken immediately to allocate responsibility and prevent recurrence.

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LIG/HQ/119

SUBJECT : French Representatives in VENTIMIGLIA

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission (Alt Executive Commissioner)

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1. With reference to your undated telegram No. 2614 on the subject of French representatives in VENTIMIGLIA, I have the following views.
2. No French Consular representatives have been traded in VENTIMIGLIA but, as reported in this H.Q. letter LIG/HQ/119 of 24th July 45, there is at VENTIMIGLIA a Military Headquarters consisting of three French Officers under Lt. Col. ROMANETTI. I consider that, in principle, this Headquarters of four Officers and clerical staff should close down. I have discussed the matter with the Provincial Commissioner, IMPERIA Province, who states that the only reason for the presence of these Officers might be liaison work and control of French vehicles entering Italian territory for the purpose of purchasing foodstuffs etc. Provincial Commissioner, IMPERIA, agrees that there is little or no liaison work and, in my opinion, any control of transport entering Italian territory should be carried out on the frontier and not at VENTIMIGLIA.

3. Provincial Commissioner, IMPERIA Province, is in favour of Lt. Col. ROMANETTI (but not the other three French Officers) remaining as Liaison Officer. Lt. Col. ROMANETTI normally resides at VENTIMIGLIA and Provincial Commissioner, IMPERIA Province, feels that to insist on Lt. Col. ROMANETTI'S liaison mission being abandoned might disturb the very cordial relations existing in the area between the Allies and the French, especially in view of the agreement made by IV Corps which, according to local information, contained no limitation as to duration.

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In my opinion, the fact that Lt.Col. ROMANETTI'S normal place of residence is VENTIMIGLIA should not be accepted as a reason for his having a liaison or other French H.Q. there.

In any case, as the area of the 14 French Communes recently occupied by the French comes under a British Civil Affairs Officer of the rank of Captain whose main office is at SAN REMO with a branch office at VENTIMIGLIA a French Liaison Officer of the rank of Captain would have been more appropriate.

4. On the broader issue, I consider that there is no real justification for the existing French H.Q. of Lt.Col. ROMANETTI and three other Officers at VENTIMIGLIA and that complications may arise when LIGURIA is handed over to the jurisdiction of the Italian Government, though

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/I am unaware.....

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I am unaware what policy will be adopted in that event in the frontier zone. I feel that if the agreement was that Allied troops were to relieve French troops, the relief should be complete unless there are cogent reasons for French representatives.

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M. CARR,
Brigadier,
Regional Commissioner.

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REPORTED THAT

/ FRENCH GOVERNMENT DESIRE APPOINT CONSULAR AGENCY IN AOSTA FOR ALLEGED PURPOSE OF

EXCHANGING FRENCH MONEY STILL HELD BY INHABITANTS OF AOSTA FOR NEWLY ISSUED

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EXTRACT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE SUPREME ALLIED
COMMANDER'S CONFERENCE (POLITICAL) 16th MEETING
held at A.P.H.Q. on 19th July 1945.

MINUTE No. 6.

6. SITUATION ON FRANCO-ITALIAN FRONTIER.

(Previous reference SAC (P) (45) 15th Meeting, Minute 7).

MAJOR GENERAL LEMMITZER reported that in accordance with the agreement signed at Allied Force Headquarters on 11th June 1945, all French forces had been withdrawn to the east side of the 1939 FRANCO-ITALIAN frontier by midnight 10 July. The French had continued to press in various ways, for an assurance that Italian carabinieri would not be brought into the TENDA area. They had been informed, however, that the Supreme Allied Commander was not willing to accept any restrictions on the powers which he reserved in the agreement which had been signed by Gen. Carpentier and that the maintenance of law and order would have to be left to the common sense of AMG.

THE DEPUTY SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER:

Took note of the above report.

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