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BRIGA & TENDA INFORMATION
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Re Comm.

Letter to General R.R. submitted for signature at p 48. This is based on reply from 1. G. at p 43 and is sent on instructions from 6-5 at p 47.
M.H. 13/1

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CIO.

Reference is made to the French copy of folio 54 - to our letter at folio 47. Sent in accordance with 9-5. Please instructions at folio 47. I suggest sending a copy to AFHQ in accordance with the like cable and suggest draft approach for approval, per
Quk/1971

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Chief Commissioner. 38.

Attached is submitted for your signature
^{information}

Yours, Mairi Bay
E.C.

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In Council:

Rey & 39. shall we send another
memorandum to P.M. or will C.C. endeavor
to obtain reply through D.G. Etienne.
M.S. 23/12

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To Council:

You asked for the file to be 6/1
or that your cables obvious work the
French reply be relayed from the U.S. at X 43 1/2
Original letter from French Rep. to Mr. H.
M.S. 23/12 Mr. H.
M.S. 30/12

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C 50

CSO draft letter to French Rep. approach

for your approval. Please. This is in
accordance with cable re: folio 47. M.S. 10/1

CSO 50.

Re cable re: folios 47 and min 49. letter
for signature re: folio 48 please. M.S. 13/1

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Ex Com

- Ex. 1) Notes to the French Rep: pls. cis. regular
at. folios all in accordance with folios
2) *Viola nemorum* opposite with the Ex Com's note

Publ. 9/11

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Chef Commissaire

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Enclosed letter to French Representative
submitted to signature ²⁶
Also copy Aide-Memoire to Comptroller.

M. Paul Dyalin

9/XI

NOV 15 1946

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Ex. 26 to PH 1045 hrs, 16/XI

Ex Com NY
cc

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Ltr. folios 30-31 are a translated report
from French b.o. Sunda; 32-33 peros
Comments on report.

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cross memos opposite with th in Committee

Aut. 9/11
M.S. 9/11

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Chef Commissaire

Enclosed letter to French Representative is
submitted to signature ²⁶
Also draft Ade. Memorandum Consideration.

M. Paul Rybarik

9/11 E.C.

#01 15 1946

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E.C. Delt to PH 1045 hrs, 16/8/46

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GW

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16/8/46 by Commissaire

Letter 30 - 31 are a translated report
of
from French h.o. Senkaj
Comments on report.

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S.Y. Mem. 16/11. M.S. 18/11

Ex Commissaire

Letter 30 & 31 submitted for signature
of C.C. please. M.S. 29/11

Chief Commissioner

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This information is being advised accordingly.
Your letter is referred to G.S. Vode, this
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M. Van Duyven.
E.C.

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E.C.
Reco inform Fr. Ray - AC.
Jug
2/XI

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C.S.C. 11/11/1944
Re folio 1, 17.174's proposal is at folio 19
and section taken at folio 20, both for
your information (a signal value than a com-
was used due to the length of time between
dates taken to forward. Ans 11/11/1944

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~~chief staff office to command
Office of Executive Commission~~

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It has been confirmed through the French Command Headquarters that the Radio Station FAX 3 is at present located at FONTAN.

In folio no. ¹⁵ Q. "FONTAN" should be read for TENDA in each of the three instances.

18 Oct 46

Cf. L Shaddock
^{Major}
for Director Communications 19/9/46

V/Sd
18/10/46
M. Danby

A.S. 18/10

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To C.S.A.

Re folio 1. I vaguely remember this coming up before, but I can find no further correspondence on the subject.

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Date 2/9

To date permission has been refused the French L.O. to have a wireless transmitter in TENDA. N.Y.C. 25/9

C.S.A.Capt K.

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I discussed 1 with Brigadier Lush and it was agreed that we should submit to AFHQ for decision. Will you please draft. We should also let Liaison Officer know that the matter has been referred to AFHQ.

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M. CAULAY,
Brigadier,
A/Executive Commissioner.

29 September 1946.

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Ref. 657/55/30

22 January 1947

SUBJ/PT: French Frontier.

TO : Allied Force Headquarters,
Attention: G-5 Section.

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Reference is made to this Commission's letter No. 657/30
dated 23 December 1946 and your signal No. F 74158 of 7th January
1947 on this subject.

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Enclosed is a copy of the French Representative's comments
on this matter. It is considered that no further action is called for
by this Commission in view of the final paragraph of the French
Representative's memorandum.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER:

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Incls. as above.

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ALLIED COMMISSION
IN ITALY.Transl ation

RE FRENCH REPRESENTATIVE

Rome, 15 January 1947

No. 691

NOTE

for Brigadier CARR
Executive Commissioner

SUBJECT : Pilferage at Briga and Tenda.

Dear General,

In acknowledging receipt of your letter No. 657/4B/EC of 13 January 1947, I have the honour to state hereunder the remarks which I think I called for in view of the explanations given by the Italian Government.

1/ If the removal of timber, -in the case of trees which had already been felled- appears to me as legitimate, there remains however the fact that the felling of trees has been continued in 1945 and 1946 at such rate that the French service of Waters and Forests of the region of Nice has become worried and has informed thereof the French Government.

2/ High-tension line Saint Dalmaze - frontier. According to our information, the allegations of the Italian Government are not exact. That line has been removed in September 1946 and not in October 1945.

3/ The dismantling along the rails do not explain the removal of all the material existing in the stations and the pilfering committed in the buildings themselves : removal of the doors, windows and even of the roofing.

I beg to point out that the above mentioned facts have been verified by the British Liaison Officer, Major Tannock, who has found himself in complete agreement with his French colleague, Lieutenant Kalck.

The explanations given by the Italian Government therefore do not seem to me at all satisfactory. I take note of the pledge to put an end to the removal of the remaining material and I thank the Allied Authorities whose intervention has permitted to obtain this result.

Yours very sincerely

Capt. HERON de VILLEFOSSE French Representative with the Allied Commission in Italy.

/v Heron de Villefosse

See b CC. 211
acknowledged hc

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Capt N.

N°691

NOTE

pour le Brigadier C A R R
Exécutive Commissioner

Objet= Dépréciations à Brigue et Tende .

Mon Général,

En vous accusant réception de votre lettre n° 657/48/BC du 13 Janvier 1947, j'ai l'honneur de vous énumérer ci-dessous les observations que les explications données par le Gouvernement Italien me paraissent soulever .

1/ Coupes de bois - Si l'enlèvement des coupes de bois déjà exécutées me paraît légitime, il n'en reste pas moins que l'abattage des arbres a été continué en 1945 et 1946 à une cadence telle que le service français des Eaux et Forêts de la région de Nice s'en est inquiété et en a prévenu le Gouvernement Français.

2/ Ligne à haute tension Saint Dalmaze - frontière- Selon nos informations, les allégations du Gouvernement Italien sont inexactes. Cette ligne a été enlevée en Septembre 1946 et non en Octobre 1945.

3/ Les coupures de la voie ferrée n'expliquent pas l'enlèvement de tout le matériel se trouvant dans les gares et les dépréciations commises dans les bâtiments eux-mêmes : enlèvement des portes, des fenêtres et même de la toiture .

Je me permets de vous faire observer que les faits énumérés plus haut ont été constatés par l'Officier Britannique de Liaison, Major Tannock, qui s'est trouvé en accord avec son correspondant français le Lieutenant Kalk.

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Les explications du Gouvernement Italien ne me paraissent donc pas satisfaisantes. Je prends acte de l'engagement pris de faire cesser l'enlèvement du matériel restant et remercie les Autorités Alliées dont l'intervention a permis d'obtenir ce résultat .

Très sincèrement vôtre .

Le Capitaine de Vaisseau HERON de VILLEFOSSE
Représentant Français à la Commission Alliée
en Italie ,

C. Villefossé

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Ref. 657/64/SCJanuary, 1947

My dear Captain de Villefause,

2.2. with further reference to the Chief Commissioner's letter No. 657/22/SC dated 13th November, 1946, regarding the acts of depredation being committed in CINCO and TINDA, I have now received the following explanation from the Italian Government.

2.3. The timber which had been carried away from the area had been bought under regular contracts made before 1943. Much of the timber was already cut, but, owing to the difficulties caused by the war, transportation was possible only during the last few months when the roads were re-opened to traffic.

The consistency of the hydro-electric plants of San Dalmazio di Tenda is unchanged. The Oeli Society has removed only the materials exceeding normal necessity. The high tension line from the electric station of S. Dalmazio di Tenda to the border was dismantled before October 1945, that is at a time when the rectification of the border had not been considered.

The railway-line Cuneo-S. Dalmazio Tenda-Ventimiglia is blocked between Venante and Linone because of the destruction of the viaduct Rivoira. Another break exists between Linone and Vievoli, and a further one, owing to the fall of the third bridge, between Vievoli, and Tenda; the railway department of Turin has been very busy making the necessary repairs, using materials exposed to the weather and which were consequently liable to complete deterioration.

The Italian Government point out that in this zone in question, and particularly the area of the stations and railway was subject to unceasing bombing and consequently the local population cannot be blamed for all the damage that is to be found in the area at present.

The Italian Government state that they have given orders both to the prefect of CINCO and the Railway Department of TURIN to take necessary steps so that the carrying away of materials and plant shall be avoided.

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This Commission considers the explanation of the Italian Government satisfactory.

Yours very sincerely,

MP
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Capitaine de Vaisseau Heron de Villiers
French Representative
Allied Commission
Rome.

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: F 74158

Message Centre No: H/8995

Date/Time of Origin: JAN.072035A

Date Time Rec'd: JAN.081015

FROM: AFHQ SIGNED SACRED CITE FHGEG

Precedence: IMPORTANT

TO: ALCOM ROME

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Subject, removal of materials from French frontier.

New letter 65%EC of 23 December.

Italian explanations appears satisfactory. You should inform French representative of contents of prime Minister's letter and report his reactions to this Headquarters.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

A P O 794

Office of the Executive Commissioner

23rd December 1946

Ref: 657/SC.

SUBJECT: French Frontier.

TO: ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Attention G-5 Section.1. Reference is made to your G-5/910.11-4 of
30th October 1946.2. There is enclosed a copy of the reply dated
12th December 1946 which has just been received from the
President of the Council of Ministers.The reply will be discussed with the French
Representative at an early date.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER.

*MC*M. CARR, Brigadier.
Executive Commissioner.

20/12 State Col. Parsons G-5. No action to
be taken wth French Rep until AFHQ
have seen P.M.'s reply and given it all
clear.

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*M-**See MSS*

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20 December 46

My dear Dr. de Gasperi:

I wish to acknowledge your letter of
12 December 46 which contained the results of
the investigations carried out by an inspec-
tor general of the Ministry of the Interior
in the Communes of Briga and Tenda.

Very sincerely yours,

Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Dr. Alcide de Gasperi,
The President of the Council
of Ministers,
Italian Government,
Rome.

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TRANSLATION

THE PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

Rome, 12 December, 1946.

Dear Admiral,

With reference to your side memoire dated 16 November 1946, concerning presumed acts of pillage committed in the communes of Briga and Tenda, I have disposed for an accurate investigation by an inspector general of the Ministry of the Interior.

From investigations the following was found:-

1) The lots of timber which had been carried away, had been bought in the zone with regular contracts in the past years (1943 and the years preceding). Much of the timber was already cut, but, owing to the difficulties caused by the war, transportation was possible only during the last few months when the roads were re-opened to traffic.

2) The consistency of the hydro-electric plants of San Dalmazio di Tenda is unchanged. The Celi Society has carried away only the materials exceeding normal necessity. The high tension line from the electric station of S. Dalmazio di Tenda to the border was dismantled ~~since~~ October 1945, that is at a time when the rectification of the border was not yet spoken of.

3) The railway-line Cuneo-S. Dalmazio Tenda-Ventimiglia - as is known- is blocked between Venante and Limone because of the destruction of the viaduct Rivoira. Another interruption exists between Limone and Vievola, and a further one, owing to the fall of the third bridge, between Vievola and Tenda; The railway department of Turin has been very busy making the indispensable reparations, using materials exposed to the inclemencies of the weather and which would have ended up in complete deterioration.

You very properly call my attention to Art. 13 of the Armistice, but I must point out to you that the zone in question was subject to unceasing bombings to the stations and railroads . Therefore the recent insignificant damages cannot possibly be confused with the serious ones caused by the war right up to Summer 1945, and cannot be totaled up and the entire responsibility given to the local authorities.

I have given dispositions both to the Prefect of Cuneo and the Railroad Department of Turin, to strictly survey the zone in order that carrying away of materials and plants be avoided.

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With best regards,

(s) De Gasperi.

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Roma, 12 dicembre 1946.

*Il Presidente
del Consiglio dei Ministri*

Mio caro Ammiraglio,

In merito a quanto Ella mi ha segnalato col pro-memoria del 16 novembre u.s. circa pretesi atti di saccheggio che sarebbero stati commessi nei Comuni di Briga e Tenda, ho disposto precisi accertamenti a mezzo di un Ispettore Generale del Ministero dell'Interno.

Da tali accertamenti è risultato quanto segue:

1º) I quantitativi di legname asportato erano stati acquistati nella zona con regolari contratti negli anni decorsi (1943 e retro): molto legname era già abbattuto ed in tronchi. Il trasporto, a causa delle interruzioni stradali, avvenute durante il periodo della lotta di liberazione, si è potuto effettuare soltanto in questi ultimi mesi, quando le strade sono state riaperte al traffico.

2º) La consistenza degli impianti idroelettrici di S.Dalmazzo di Tenda rimane inalterata. La società Celi ha, soltanto, asportato il materiale eccedente il normale bisogno dell'esercizio. La linea ad alta tensione dalla centrale di S.Dalmazzo alla frontiera fu smantellata fin dall'ottobre 1945, quando cioè non si parlava ancora di rettifica di confini.

3º) La linea Cuneo-S.Dalmazzo Tenda-Ventimiglia - come è noto - è da tempo interrotta fra Vernante e Limone per la distruzione del viadotto Rivoira. Altra interruzione esiste tra Limone e Vievola ed una terza interruzione per il crollo del terzo ponte tra Vievola

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Illustrare Ammiraglio Ellery W. STONE
Capo della Commissione Alleata

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e Tenda. Allo stato delle cose il Compartimento ferroviario di Torino ha dovuto destreggiarsi per le indispensabili riparazioni, usando anche materiali esposti alle intemperie e destinati al completo deperimento.

Ella richiama giustamente la mia attenzione sull'art.13 dell'armistizio, ma a tal proposito è bene precisare che tutta la zona fu soggetta fino all'estate I945 allo stato di guerra ed alla furiosa lotta di liberazione, con incessanti bombardamenti nelle stazioni e nella linea ferroviaria, come dimostrano le tre gravi interruzioni ed il crollo di ponti di grande importanza.

E, pertanto, non vanno confusi i lievi danni recenti con i gravissimi del periodo bellico e successivo (fino all'estate del I945) assommandoli in un tutt'uno e dando la responsabilità alle attuali autorità locali.

Ho ad ogni modo dato disposizioni sia al Prefetto di Cuneo che al Compartimento Ferroviario di sorvegliare diligentemente la zona e di evitare asportazioni di materiali e di installazioni.

Mi è gradita l'occasione per inviarLe i miei migliori saluti

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

G-5: 910.11-4

2 December 1946

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SUBJECT: Treaties--Exploitation of French Frontier.

TO : Chief Commissioner,
Allied Commission,
APO 794.

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Reference your CC 6501 of 12 October.

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It is hoped that you will be in a position at an early date to reply to this Headquarters' letter, G-5: 910.11-4 of 30 October.

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A.L. HAMBLEN
Colonel, G.S.C.
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

G-5: 910.11-4

/9 December 1946

SUBJECT: French Frontier

TO : Chief Commissioner,
Allied Commission,
APO 794.

Reference your 657/38/LC dated 5 December

21 It is hoped that you will soon be in a position to reply to
our letter G-5: 910.11-4 dated 30 October 1946.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL LEE:

A. L. HAMBLEN,
Colonel, G.S.C.
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5.

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Ref. : 657/38/30

5 December 1946

SUBJECT: Alleged looting at Tenda and Briga.

TO : G-5 Section,
AFHQ.

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with reference to your C-5:910.11/4 of the 2nd December 1946, your letter of even reference of 30th October 1946 was received at this Headquarters on November 4th. 21

After consideration of this matter the Chief Commissioner handed the Prime Minister an aide memoire on this subject on the 16th November 1946 copy of which is enclosed. 26

No reply has yet been received from the Prime Minister but a reminder was addressed to him on the 3rd December.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER:

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Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

G-5: 910.11-4

December 1946

SUBJECT: Treaties--Exploitation of French Frontier.

TO : Chief Commissioner,
Allied Commission,
APO 794.

Reference your CG 6501 of 12 October. A

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BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL LEE:

A.L. HAMBLEN
Colonel, G.S.C.
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5.

See F.A. 38

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cc: 657/35/E:

3 December 1946.

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My dear Mr. Prime Minister,

I refer to the side-enclosure on the subject of the alleged acts of depredation being committed in TUNISIA and BRIGA which I handed to you on the morning of 16 November 1946.

I should be glad if you would let me know as soon as possible when you expect to be in a position to inform us of the results of the investigation to be carried out regarding this matter.

Very truly yours,

J. E. D. STONE
JAMES V. STONE
Major General, USA
Chief Commissioner

Dr Alcide De Gasperi,
President of the Council of Ministers,
Italian Government.

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Le Lieutenant L.KALICK

Officier de Liaison

A Monsieur le Capitaine
de Vaisseau H. De VILLEFOSE
Représentant Français à la
Commission Alliée
ROME

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RAPPORT CONCERNANT LA SITUATION
A TENDE & LA BRIGUE-

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Aucun fait saillant n'est à signaler à Tende & La Brigue . Le calme n'a cessé de réigner dans la population . Les foires traditionnelles se sont déroulées à façon fort paisible . Le lenteur avec laquelle les négociations de paix sont menées , la perspective de délais assez longs avant la prise de possession par la France , font planer sur les villages de la Haute Roya une monotonie et un air fatigué ?

Par contre les délais ainsi offerts aux italiens permettent d'aller le plus possible la région . Je ne parlerai pas des bois dont l'exploitation est devenue scandaleuse .
Co- Usines Hydro-Electriques : Tous les stocks à cuivre ont été emportés vers Cuneo . La ligne électrique de secours qui va de San Delmezzo à Menton a été retirée sur la longueur San Delmezzo la frontière actuelle . Le matériel et pièces de rechange ont été également emportés vers Coni . Ces faits n'ont été confirmés le 2 Octobre par l'ingénieur en chef de l'usine , Monsieur Bosis qui a déclaré devoir mettre tout ce matériel en sûreté en raison des vols très fréquents dans la région .

2e- Gares des Chemins de fer de l'Etat - Les Gares ont été vidées de tout matériel (stock de rails , fils , grues , etc....) les fils de la traction électrique sont en cours de démontage . Les bâtiments ont vu à disperaire petit à petit les fenêtres , portes , cerclage , tuyauterie de toutes sortes , etc... etc ... Les toitures n'ont pas encore été touchées ? Tout cela est pour l'heure considéré comme immeuble par destination . Il paraît également que se sont des voleurs locaux qui emportent

Le Lieutenant L.KALOCK

Officier de Liaison

à Monsieur le Capitaine
de Vaissseau H. De VILLEFOSSE
Représentant Français à la
Commission Alliée
ROME

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A TENDÈ & LA BRIGUE -

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Il paraît également que se sont des voleurs locaux qui emportent fenêtres et portes . Des camions ont été cependant vus , chargéant le matériel à destination de Cuneo .

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3°- BATTIMENTS MILITAIRES EN MONTAGNE : Il semble que les déteriorations intérieures soient dues au passage à nombreux militaires . Quand à l' enlèvement des toitures , fait constaté récemment par moi-même , il est du à des "passagers" en camion . J'ai demandé aux Autorités Italiennes que soit pourvu à la couverture provisoire de ces bâtiments neufs avant la Révolution . J'ai évidemment l'impression d'avoir parler dans le vide .

4°- DEMENAGEMENT EFFECTUE A L'EGLISE PAROISSIALE DE LA BRIGUE : Le Curé de La Brigue a transporté à Cuneo une dizaine de caisses d'objet d'art religieux appartenant à l'église de la Brigue . Ce-cependant le séjour de l'Évêque de Vintimille à La Brigue .

5°- RAVITAILLEMENT : Un bloc situé sur la route Cuneo - Tende interdit tout ravitaillement non autorisé officiellement . Les plus petites quantités sont interceptées et généralement considérablement de ce fait le ravitaillement local . Si cette manœuvre d'agir est justifiée pour l'importation de stocks importants elle est plus qu'embarrassante pour les consommateurs . Les rations actuellement distribuées sont très friables et tout le monde sait qu'en Italie plus qu'ailleurs il est impossible de vivre avec les semaines allocations officielles .

6°- SITUATION DES JEUNES GENS MOBILISABLES : Ministère Italienne de la Guerre stipule que les jeunes gens originaires de Tende actuellement sous leurs drapés doivent être renvoyés dans leur foyer .

Un jeune homme s'oppose à ce qu'il est arrêté le 30 Septembre pour n'être pas présent au Centre de Mobilisation . Il a été déféré au Tribunal Militaire de Turin . J'en ai averti Major Tannock .

7°- PERSONNES DESIRANT QUITTER LA ZONE AU MOMENT DE LA FRANCE : (Liste officielle communiquée par la Mairie)

TENDE : 96 familles totalisant 309 personnes dont : 9 familles originaires de Tende & totalisant 24 personnes (toutes indésirables en France).
26 familles employées à la C.I.E.L.T. : 78 personnes
38 familles employées à l'Etat (receveur des courants , employés municipaux , cantonniers , CH. à fer).
23 familles diverses .

LA BRIGUE : Chiffres inconnus . La presse a mentionnée 69 familles mais ce chiffre est certainement exagéré .

N° 7 A : Il est à prévoir qu'un grand nombre des "inscrits" dont le signature a souvent été sollicitée "pour propagation" ne prendront pas le chemin de l'Italie . C'est à mon avis regrettable .
20- De nombreux italiens arrivent en ce moment à Tende et cherchent à s'y installer pour profiter de la future nationalité française . Tout ce monde ne manque pas évidemment de venir faire une profession de foi de circonstance .

Il me semble que tous ces frôts justifient également un débarquement des Autorités Alliées auprès des Autorités Italiennes .

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DECISIONE MINISTERIALE DEL CAVALLIERE DI ALESSANDRIA
- Gruppo di Cuneo -

Durante il mese di ottobre u.s. dal Posto di blocco
esistente sulla strada Biemme-Tenda sono stati sequestrati
i seguenti generi:

4 quintali di granoturco - messi a disposizione del comune
di Biemme Piemonte per costituire
piccole scorte cereali =

50 Kg. di tabacco - versato al Nucleo di Polizia
Tributarista di Cuneo =

50 Kg. di patate - messi a disposizione della
cooperativa comunale già venduto =

Cuneo, li 2 novembre 1945

(Signed) L. G. M. IL 10/11/45.

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16 November 1946

THE MINISTER
ARMISTICE COMMISSION - PARIS, FRANCE

Frequent allegations are presently being made that material is being removed by the Italian authorities from the region of Briga and Tenda. These allegations include the following:

- (a) 1. Forest industries. Intensive felling of trees with the risk of seriously compromising the exploitation of the woods in the coming years.
2. Hydro-electric factories. The whole stock of copper wire (about 5,200 kgs) part of the line San Delmazzo-Menton, spare pieces as well as material have been taken away to Cuneo.
3. Stations. The stations have been emptied of all material (stocks of rails, wire, cranes etc.) and the electric traction wires are being taken down. The buildings have been deprived of their doors, windows, framework, pipes - always for the benefit of Cuneo.

While there would appear to be no objection to the removal of private property in the normal transaction of business, the abnormal reduction of natural resources or the removal of permanent plants or equipment would appear to be a violation of Article 12 of the armistice terms.

Article 12 of the Armistice terms lays down that there will be no destruction of, nor damage to, nor, except as authorized or directed by the United Nations, any removal of war material, wireless or radio locations or meteorological stations, railroad, port or other installations or, in general, public or private utilities or property of any kind wherever situated and the necessary maintenance and repair will be the responsibility of the Italian authorities.

An immediate investigation into the above allegations and a report on the result of such investigations is required.

If it transpires that any irregularities have been committed, the Italian Government should arrange for the reinstatement or repair of plants or equipment which have been damaged or wrongfully removed, and assurances should be given by the Italian Government that their responsibilities under Article 12 of the Armistice Terms will be fulfilled and that no further irregularities will be committed in this region.

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My dear Captain de Villefosse,

Further to my letter of 22 October regarding the acts of depredation being committed in RIGA and TALLINN, I have now received instructions from ADEN and I am taking up the matter with the Estonian Government.

Yours sincerely,

R. L. STONE

Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Capitaine de Vaisseau de Villefosse
French Representative,
Allied Commission,
RIGA.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

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G-5: 910.11-4

30 October 1946

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SUBJECT: Treaties - French Frontier - Exploitation.

TO : Chief Commissioner,
Allied Commission,
APO 794.

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Reference your CC 6501 of 12 October.

1. While quite agreeing with the theme of your letter, it is reasonable to assume that neither the CCS nor the British nor United States Governments would agree to a stripping of an area whose sovereignty is likely soon to change. It is further assumed that no objection would be made to the removal of private property in the normal transaction of business but above normal reduction of natural resources or the removal of permanent plants or equipment could not be condoned.

2. On the coming into force of the Peace Treaty certain territory is to be ceded to neighboring powers and that should be handed over substantially as it was when it was Italian sovereignty.

3. Will you please inform the Italian Government of these allegations and discuss with them their responsibilities under Article 12 of the Armistice terms. You will ask them to investigate the matter and inform you of what has been done at Tenda. If it transpires that any irregularities have been committed, you will invite the Italian Government to arrange for the re-instatement of what has been wrongfully damaged or removed and obtain assurances as to the future.

4. You may inform the French representative of your actions hereunder.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL MORGAN:



A. L. HAMBLIN
Colonel, G.S.C.
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5.

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SUBJECT IS FRENCH LIATSON OFFICER RADIO PD. SUPREME ALLIED
COMMANDER HAS APPROVED FRENCH LIATSON OFFICER'S REQUEST TO MOVE
HIS RADIO TRANSMITTER FROM MONTAN TO TENDA PD. INFORM HIM
ACCORDINGLY AND NOTIFY THIS COMMISSION OF DATE OF MOVE PD

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MAJOR AGD
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October 1946

SUBJECT: French Communications - Tenda.

TO : Chief Commissioner,
Allied Commission,
APO 794.

Reference your 657/8/EC of 11 October 1946.

1. The Supreme Allied Commander approves of permission being granted to the French Liaison Officer at Tenda to move his radio transmitter from Fontan to Tenda.

2. Please inform him accordingly.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL MORGAN:



A. L. HAMBLEN
Colonel, G.S.C.
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5

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22 October 1946.

My dear Captain de Villefosse,

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Thank you for your memorandum of 21st October advising me of the continued acts of depredation being committed in Briga and Tenda. I have forwarded a translation of your note to AFHQ and am now awaiting their instructions which will be communicated to you as soon as they are received.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Captaine de Vaisseau de Villefosse
French Representative
Allied Commission
Rome.

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TRANSLATION

Office of the French Representative
No. 3044

October 21st, 1946.

SUBJECT: Acts of looting committed in Tende.

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Further to my note of 5 October No. 462, and to the Memorandum I remitted to you on the 11 October, I have the honour to inform you that the deteriorations to the State buildings and railways in the Counties of Tende and Brigue are still continuing.

(s) Villefosse

Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
Rome.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
 APO 794
 Communications Sub-Commission I.R./e.c

16 October 1946

MEMO

TO: The Executive Commissioner.

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1. A French radio circuit is, presently, in operation between ~~Tenda~~ and Rome. The Rome station operates under control of the French Command Headquarters. The station is located at the French Embassy, with a telephone line to the French Command Headquarters.

2. Characteristics of the circuit are:

Frequency - 6900 Kcs.

Power: Rome Station - 1200 Watts.

~~FONTAN~~
~~Tenda~~ Station - 200 "

Cell Signs: Rome Station - T W J

~~Tenda~~ Station - F A X 3

~~FONTAN~~

L.R. Humbert

I.R. HUMBERT,
 Lt. Col. Sig.C.
 Director.

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CC 6501

12 October 1946.

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SUBJECT: Alleged looting at Penda and Briga.

TO : G-5 Section, AFHQ.

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1. Following conversation between Admiral Stone and Colonel Hamolen, the attached letter dated 8 October was forwarded to the French representative on the Allied Commission, informing him that the Allied Commission is not empowered to deal with matters concerned with the proposed peace treaty. Copy of the correspondence in question is attached.

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2. A further memorandum has now been received from the French representative, a translation of which is forwarded herewith. In a meeting with the French representative on 10 October I informed him that it had not been the practice for the Allied Commission to act on protests of an individual member of the United Nations. I stated that the directives of the Allied Commission, when not originating with the Supreme Allied Commander, came to us from the Combined Chiefs of Staff through AFHQ.

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3. May I be instructed as to what further reply should be given to the French representative.

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USN
Chief Commissioner

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TRANSLATION

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the French Representative

No. 3028

Rome, 11 October 1946.

Capitaine de Vaisseau
HERON de VILLEFOSE

to

Admiral Ellery W. STONE
Chief Commissioner.

SUBJECT: Acts of looting committed in TUNIS.

Enclos.: A memorandum

Further to our conversation of yesterday and to your suggestion,
I have the honor to remit to you the memorandum indicating the texts on
which our claim is based and which should facilitate a new examination of
the question.

I do not return upon the enumeration of the damages which have
been caused and which forms the subject of my note No. 462 of 5 October.

/s/ C. de Villefosse

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TRANSLATION

No. 3027

Rome, 11 October 1946.

MEMORANDUM CONCERNING
THE ACTS OF LOOTING COMMITTED AT TENDE

Ref. : Note of the French Representative to Admiral STONE No. 462
of 5 October 1946.
Admiral STONE's reply CC6501 of 8 October 1946.

I

Article 22 of the Armistice of 29 September 1943 prohibits Italy any action which might cause prejudice to the interests of Allied Nations (1).

Now it is incontestable that the acts of looting committed at TENDE cause prejudice to the interests of France; they deprive of an essential equipment a territory which is virtually French according to the agreement of the Paris Conference upon the text established by the Big Four.

Besides the Enclosure III paragraph 1 of the Treaty draft (enclosure concerning the territories to be given up) says as follows: "The succeeding State will receive without payment the Italian property belonging either directly or indirectly to the State and situated on the territory given up in force of the present Treaty... In the sense of this article, as property belonging directly or indirectly to the State are to be considered: the properties of the Italian State, of local public collectivities, of public establishments etc..."

II

I point out besides that the Italian Government has committed an infraction of article 12 of the armistice of 29 September 1943 by taking away from TENDE some material or some installations, without the authorization of the United Nations (and causing prejudice, as has said above, to one of the United Nations).

(1) This ruling has besides been maintained in article VIII of the draft of revised Armistice, but I do not refer to it as it is not in force.

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This article seems to me categorical inasmuch as it prohibits the "destruction, damage or removal", which means that the installations must be left in their place intact. It does not mention a faculty that would be left to Italy to remove material within the Italian borders. Finally, it covers property of any kind, public or private, wherever it may be located and it makes the Italian Authorities responsible for the maintenance and the necessary repairs.

III

While reserving himself to inform the Italian Government through diplomatic channels of his feelings as well as of the rights thus acquired to compensations, the French Government considers that during the present period it still pertains to Allied Authorities to guarantee the execution of an Armistice signed in the name of the United Nations, and has no doubt that it can - as in the past - rely upon them in order to obtain when necessary the respect of its interests in Italy.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

Office of the Executive Commissioner

16 October 1946.

Chief Commissioner.

1. I spoke Lt Col Humbert who informed me that the French have a radio transmitter in ROME at their military headquarters and that it is connected by telephone with the French Consul's Office.

2. I spoke Col. Parsons, G-5, yesterday and gave him the above information and also informed him that you were opposed to granting the request of the French Liaison Officer, TEEMA and pointed out generally your views as to the undesirability of Foreign Powers establishing a radio network in this country.



M. CARR,
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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Office of the Executive Commissioner

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Ref. 1657/8/30

11 October 1946

SUBJECT: French Communications - Tenda.

TO : G-5 Section,
AFIS.

1. Application has been received from Lt. Kalok the French Liaison Officer at Tenda, to remove his Radio transmitter from Fontan, where it is now, to Tenda.

2. It is understood that the object of the request is to enable Lt. Kalok to have quicker and easier communications with the French Representatives at H.Q. A.C. and to avoid the waste of petrol at present involved in travelling between Tenda and Fontan. This will apply, and be required more particularly, when and if the sovereignty of the territory is changed, as it will be necessary to maintain constant communication between Tenda and Rome.

3. Can this Commission be advised as to the reply to be given to this application?

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER:

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Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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AC LIAISON OFFICER TERDA
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Reference your 5088/Unwin C dated 30 September

1/ Instructions regarding closing of this office have been received
and will be carried out as detailed.

New subject. Reference my P Arthur C/C Unwin/3. 3 of 14 September,
this move has not been carried out the suggestion merely approved.
Your authority for moving is requested.

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CC 6501

8 October 1946.

SUBJECT: Removal of material from Briga and Tenda.

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To : The French representative, Allied Commission.

b.

I have received your letter No. 462 of 5 October 1946 with regard to the alleged looting by the Italian authorities of material in the regions of Briga and Tenda in which you ask the Allied Commission to intervene with the Italian Government.

In reply, I have the honor to inform you that the view of the Supreme Allied Commander is that the Allied Commission is not empowered to deal with matters concerned with the proposed peace treaty and that any representations which your Government desires to make to the Italian Government in this respect should be handled through diplomatic channels.

E. M. STONE

ALLEN E. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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TRANSLATION

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the French Representative

No. 462

Rome, 5 October 1946.

N O T E

To: Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission.

SUBJECT: Removal of material from Brigue and Tende.

I have the honor to inform you of the following facts concerning the systematical looting being carried out presently by the Italian Authorities in the Region of Brigue and Tende,

- 1.- Forest industries.- Intensive felling of trees with the risk of seriously compromising the exploitation of the woods in the coming years.
- 2.- Hydro-electric factories.- The whole stock of copper wire (about 3.200 Kgs), part of the line San Dalmazzo-Menton, spare pieces as well as material have been taken away to Cuneo.
- 3.- Stations.-The stations have been emptied of all material (stocks of rails, wire, cranes etc.), the electric traction wires are being taken down. The buildings have been deprived of their doors, windows, framework, pipes, always for the benefit of Cuneo.

I raise a formal protest against similar proceedings and ask you to intervene energetically with the Italian Government drawing particularly its attention to the fact that such actions are contrary to the stipulations of the Peace Treaty and are liable to have repercussions on the negotiations which are being carried on in Paris with regard to reparations and on the attitude of the French Government in this respect.

/S/ C. DE VILLEFOSSE

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 ONE FIVE OCTOBER REPORTING TO THIS NEW QUEEN BY TWO ZERO OCTOBER PD. LIAISON
 WORK SHOULD CONTINUE PERTINENT AND PRESENT COMMITMENTS SHOULD BE LIQUIDATED IMMEDIATELY PD
 ADMIN INSTRUCTION AND CONFIRMATION BY LETTER FOLLOWING PD THIS WITHOUT PREJUDICE
 TO RETENTION BY FRENCH OF THEIR LIAISON OFFICER AT TENDA PD. PARA TWO NEW SUBJECT PD
 YOUR PETER ABLE CHARLIE SLANT CHARLIE GONE SLANT THREE PD THREE OF ONE FOUR
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 YOU AUTHORIZED THIS MOVE QUERY PD CABLES RAPID SOONEST PD ACK PD

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To: The Executive Commissioner, HQ. A.C.,
Re: PAC/CU/3.3. Date: 14th September 1946.
A.P.O. 794, C.M.F. CONFIDENTIAL.

Subject: French Communications.

- 1). Application has been received from Lt. Kalck the French Liaison Officer at Tenda, to remove his Radio transmitter from Fontan, where it is now to Tenda.
- 2). This is requested so as to enable Lt. Kalck to have quicker and easier communications with the French Representatives at H.Q. A.C. and to avoid the waste of petrol at present involved in travelling between Tenda and Fontan. This will apply, and be required more particularly, when and if the sovereignty of the territory is changed, as it will be necessary to maintain constant communication between Tenda and Rome.
- 3). The request is approved, and the necessary authority is requested.

M. J. Tannock
M. J. Tannock,
Major, R.A.,
A.C., Liaison Officer,
TENDA and BRIGA.

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To : The Executive Commissioner, H.Q. A.C.,
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M. J. Tannock

P. H. TANNOCK,
Major, R.A.,
A.C., Liaison Officer,
TENDA and BRIGA.

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