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MOROCCAN TROOPS
SEPT. OCT. 1944

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May/June Steamer

Capt. Nathan - ~~1944~~

~~1944~~ ~~over 4/11~~

The H. Richardson

Tram

Notice 28 a reply to 28. Last to
P.R.

4/11

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P.R.O.

14. See 28 a reply to 24.

Letter 7/11

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COSSOM

1740 Teller.

Range

Richards.

D. 7/11

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34.

P.R.O.

M. Sec 28 in depth to 44.

Entered 7/11

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COS ONA

Major T. L. G. 12/11

12/11

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Advised Becker (Miller's student)

PM, Dec 20, 18th report

26/10

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Thanks. I have informed Ministry for it. A. Leary

MacCork

24

CSO

28 w reply to 24 should be seen

by

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Pol Section

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do

h E

Adopt

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28 in reply to 24 should be seen

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Pop. Sect. -

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81 30/10.

of

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V.F. PO

1-2004

Of course, the necessity of having

$$Y_{200} / 30 / \alpha$$

KA/C₂ for comparison

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H/ready class risks in minutes 27

above. *Sp. nov.*

20/10/

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So to A/c

1 Egg hatched - 9/100 - 28 h depth to 24

Feb 12, 31/12.

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0208

Acting Chief Commissioner.

Please see Page 13. As a result of Page 2 I had directed that letter should issue to ARHQ asking for withdrawal of these troops. I think now we should let matters drop and get PBO to tell Italian Press that matters have improved.

MSC

Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.

16.Oct.44

(of 5) -
Still think your letter should go forward, in view of last sentence, p 13

CSO Please draft accordingly B3/10/x 2007

[Faint handwritten notes:]
As you see from the letter to ARHQ, I have directed that the letter should be sent to the Italian Press. I think it is better to let matters drop and get PBO to tell Italian Press that matters have improved. I have directed that the letter should be sent to the Italian Press. I think it is better to let matters drop and get PBO to tell Italian Press that matters have improved.

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cc: Plan kept accordingly DR/10/12 9/11/77

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P. 13

As you see from the above after days of letter to the firm the result is that I think have suggested draft may be a little out of date, referring to it as a business document is obsolete. What do think? I want to be prepared for the event of a no-draft if it that necessary. Dr. 10/12/77

→ C.O.S.

21.

Dray: citizens bureau

Richard

cc: 22.

Fair for situation DR/10/12

21/10

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COS

D.O. letter to Sen Clark & Subcommittee

to Subcommittee of AFCE, 26/10

23/10

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P.R.O.

I have not shown him to COS yet. What is the position?

Excluded from

9/10

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Col.

But your remarks on 8.1 being hidden original draft taken by AFMA is at 3. I mean in the first something on the line. 3 should be kept off, but I suggest you discuss it as tomorrow was meeting, the paper will be presented, before moving to

CSO

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9/10

No need discuss. Letter discuss with -

change of metaphor as needed

PRO

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MS 7/1

With you at meeting taken to AFMA as suggested for signature by Chief of Staff.

Cot

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Ref your remarks on 8, very helpful original
draft letter to AFHQ by 3 / recommended that
something on the basis of 3 should be sent off, but
suggested you discuss it at tomorrow COZ meeting,
when PRC will be present, before doing so

~~CSO~~

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4/10

No need discuss. Letter discuss with -

Change of envelope as directed

175 7/1

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PRC

Will you pl prepare letter to AFHQ as
suggested for signature by Chief of Staff.

4/10

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→ Cos / PRC has now produced 13.
with the suggestion that since
the situation here is very hard
improved" (vide 4: line from the
end) letter to AFHQ read as so.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INCOMING MESSAGE

TO: ACTING CHIEF OF STAFF

SIGNAL MESSAGE CENTER No: 1000

FROM: REDACTED

CLASSIFICATION: SECRET

PRECEDENCE: 20

DATE AND TIME OF ORIGIN: 10/10/44 OFFICE OF ORIGIN: AFSA

UNRECORDED. Reference your 10/10/44. From your 10/10/44
 also French 7th left in 1244 but no movement. With all this
 and without apparent change in the situation, all French should be clear of
 1244 is about 1 week.

RECEIVED
 10/10/44
 A.C.C.

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 10/10/44
 A.C.C.

ACCENT

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FROM: THEODORE FROM CLARK, SIGNED: WILSON CLASSIFICATION: **CONFIDENTIAL**

REFERENCE No: ROUTING: **29 OCT Recd**

DATE AND TIME OF ORIGIN: **29 OCT 1944** OFFICE OF ORIGIN: **WFOAG**

CONFIDENTIAL

Reference your 29 Oct/44 of 13 October. There are at present 3200 French troops left in Italy but no request for reinforcements, as few Americans remain but Americans ignorant confuse them with Germans. All French should be close of Italy in about 5 weeks.



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INFO: 4/800
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see Memo to 32

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DATE and Time of RECEIPT

Distribution:

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

TBJ/BMR/mls

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G-5: 091.711-1 (France).

23 October 1944

SUBJECT: Moroccan Troops.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Control Commission, APO 394.

Reference is made to your 3611/18/COS of 18 October 1944.

You may assure the Minister for Foreign Affairs that there are no grounds for his apprehension. We are informed that there is no question of a new Rest Camp being opened in Italy for Moroccan troops and they have, in fact, all left the country. The only colored French troops are one company of Algerian soldiers in some area.

HEADQUARTERS

24 OCT 1944

A. C. C.

For the Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5:

T. B. Jackman

T. B. JACKMAN,
Lt. Colonel.

Copy to:
Liaison Section, AFHQ.

SEE MINUTE
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of Ellery, the Stone

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DRAFT OF SUPPLEMENTARY LETTER TO GENERAL
CLARE REGARDING ARTICLE IN THE
'GLOBE' REGARDING 'GLOBE' OF THE SUBJECT
OF MOROCCAN TROOPS IN ITALY.

It may perhaps have been the attached article.
Enquiries made as a result of it show that, while it is true
that all Moroccan troops have left Italy, there are still
in Italy some considerable numbers of Algerian troops. This
distinction may be almost a difference in the Italian mind.
no more the behaviour of the troops has improved, complaints
having dropped from about 20 to about 5 per month; nevertheless
there can be no doubt that the recollection of past behaviour
remains vivid, and the presence of these troops in Italy is a
constant source of tension and apprehension.

This is borne out by a letter of Oct. 15 from
the Italian Minister of Foreign Affairs, stating that the in-
habitants of Palermo and Catania are preparing to leave their homes
on account of rumours that Moroccan troops are to have a rest
camp there. (1-60)

It would appear that, however improved may now be
the behaviour of
some troops are not, their final removal from Italy, if military
necessity permits, is the only method of dispelling the apprehensions
and rumours which their continued presence undoubtedly creates.

Re: the article
Is there any possibility of this being done?
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Copy of the article is at (2)

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HEADQUARTERS,
MILITARY COMMISSION,
APO 394.

Office of the Chief of Staff

Ref: X611/16/COS.

18th October 1944.

SUBJECT: Moroccan Troops.

TO : G-3, A.F.M.A.

Can you tell me whether there is any grounds for the apprehension
of the Minister for Foreign Affairs attached.

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ML/JC.

See 25

Brigadier,
Chief of Staff,
for Acting Chief Commissioner.

COPY.

ROUGH TRANSLATION.

R. MINISTERO,
DELLI AFFARI ESTERI.

Rome, 18th October, 1944.

Il Segretario Generale.

02835/7.

Dear Caccia,

I learn that the news has spread at Palombara Sabina, a locality between the provinces of Rome and Chieti, that units of Moroccan troops are to be sent there at a Rest Camp. The news has caused much a state of alarm amongst the inhabitants that they are thinking of leaving the place in order to avoid violent excesses.

Should the information be correct, the reputation these troops have gained with their numerous violent acts everywhere they have been in Italy, unfortunately justifies the state of alarm it has caused.

I should be most grateful for your kind interest in the matter in order to ascertain whether the information is correct and, eventually, if you would be so good as to examine the possibility of obtaining that these troops, whose definite departure from Italy I trust will not be long delayed, might at least be sent to another less populated region and not so near to Rome. Within the last few days I have forwarded to the Allied Commission the painful documentation of the atrocities committed by these Moroccan troops.

Thanking you in advance, believe me, dear Caccia,
Yours sincerely,
(Sgd) R. PRUNAS.

Harold A. Caccia, Esq.,
Vice President,
Allied Commission, ROME.

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P. Howard - Chem. Engrs.
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3. 100.
4. 100. 100. 100. 100.

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TRANSLATION / 2

French Military HQ. in Italy

S.P. 70.161, 20 September 1944

Provost Marshal

File n. 1275/2

From: Capt. RICARD, Provost Marshal in Italy

To : French General Military Commander in
Italy.

General Lucher

On Sept. 18th, 1944 Major RICHARDSON of the "British Special Investigation" with the Commission of Amistice signed in Italy, came to ask me if severe police measures could be taken in the areas occupied by French troops, to the aim of subduing the disorders and crimes committed since the last few weeks. These officers inform us, that which is already known to us, and that is, that Italian civilians are in the possession of arms, and that retaliation on their part will take place.

Not having enough personnel to secure police action in the areas occupied by French troops, I informed these officers that I would tell the Commander of their visit, and that I would see the heads of the a/m. areas and instruct them to intensify measures of protection.

The Commander of HQ. was informed regarding this matter by me, on the same day at 17.30 hours, and also regarding the measures I am about to take.

Having asked for a report to be sent to the Heads of areas to support my request, the superior officer replied that I could act as representative of the General Military Commander in Italy.

I informed them of the mission I was charged with, and I think that the following measures ought to be taken:

- 80% of the personnel must be maintained on duty after office hours;
- Roll call at 20.00 hours;
- Counter roll call every night;
- Control of vehicles;
- Consignment of vehicles every evening (right of distribution given at office).

jms/tp.

Signed: Ricard.

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CSO

Then a P.C. about 1 hr.
in a file

COF

1/11/11

I have rung up Colonel
Temperley who says he
understands that there are
5000 Moroccans in camp at
Mragota the French version
I understand (but I was in Flauzy
later) says that they are Algerians.
Personally I think the Latin
the black might go forward.

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTER OFFICE MEMO

From:

C. Lo

SUBJECT: Moroccan troops - Naples

TO: Col

Ref para 1 of attached, PRC asked Col Temperley yesterday, and was told by him that there were Moroccan troops there and that reports were justifiable.

Col De Latis, who has been up to the beach mission had written to him that only 1 bn of Algerians were there and they were under order to stay. PRC is confirming with Col Temperley by phone today. For info.

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As you mentioned it is a long time since I had a letter from you. I am glad to hear that you are well and happy. I am well and hope you are the same. I am glad to hear that you are well and happy. I am well and hope you are the same.

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PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

PRR/R20

6 Oct 44

6 OCT Recd

SUBJECT : ARTICLE IN 'OSSERVATORE ROMANO' ON
MOROCCAN TROOPS IN ITALY.

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

Attached is a draft for General Clark as you
directed.

Lionel Fielden
LIONEL FIELDEN
Major

Public Relations Director.

lf/veho

Encl.

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DRAFT OF SUGGESTED LETTER TO GENERAL
CLARK REGARDING ARTICLE IN THE
'OSSERVATORE ROMANO' ON THE SUBJECT
OF MOROCCAN TROOPS IN ITALY.

The attached article has appeared in l'Osservatore Romano which, as you know, is the organ of the Vatican. Although to my mind it violates military censorship in paragraph 1 which should not have been permitted by the military censors, it appears that the statements made are in the main correct. Colonel Temperley, Regional Commissioner of the Southern Region, concurs in this.

The article will doubtless stimulate further enquiries and complaints on this subject, which has aroused much bitter comment in the past, and undoubtedly affects Allied prestige seriously. It is, I fear, true to say that whatever improvements may be made in the behaviour of these troops, their presence in this country will remain a ~~lasting~~ ~~ing sore~~ as far as the Italian public is concerned.

Under these circumstances and in view of the present trend of Allied policy, it seems to us that the removal of Moroccan troops from Italy, unless their continued presence here is a matter of military necessity, would be desirable.

get another reference

TRANSLATION OF AN ARTICLE IN THE OSSERVATORE ROMANO -
4 OCTOBER, 1944.

URGENT MEASURES NEEDED :

The Moroccan troops who came into Italy with the Allies did not leave as many may think - with the majority of the French units when the latter were transferred from this front. The Moroccans are still encamped in some parts of the provinces of Rome, Littoria, Naples, Salerno and Trapani. In these places they still make news, as the phrase goes, by their acts of violence which have always left deep traces wherever they have passed, like the blast of a tempest.

It is easy to imagine the harmful consequences and the state of mind of the villagers who must undergo these acts of violence or remain in permanent terror of them.

In fact we have repeated and impressive evidence of such acts: violence against people, especially women and children, against property, against public safety. Such acts have preserved their usual characteristics to which is added the admitted incapacity of their commanders to forestall or repress them. In some cases those who have been threatened have been offered means of arming to defend themselves. But aside from the superior numbers and impetus of these violent men and this further motive for exasperating and provoking even cruder reprisals, the very fact that villages and regions have thus receded to the state of pure anarchy calls for measures urgent not only on the ground of civilization and humanity but for the principle of authority and the prestige in particular of the occupying authority.

It is high time that such a state of affairs should come to an end. It is an absurd situation both because it is such contrast with the principles and ends for which the Allies are fighting the war and because there is now no reason either military or political for maintaining in a country other than their own a body of troops undisciplined and intractable to discipline and hence serving no purpose whatsoever.

It is impossible that repeated authoritative requests to put an end to the situation should be ignored. It is recognized as a public disaster even by those who have not yet been able to find a way to put an end to it, or at any rate to act with the urgent and necessary dispatch.

As the other French troops have gone on to other fronts or to other garrisons there must surely be no lack of means to

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insure that the Moroccan units follow those with whom they have come and to whom they are subordinate, as their native country is. Their repatriation could certainly be arranged if it is feared that the same things might occur elsewhere - even in France - as have occurred all too often in Italy.

It is a question of the most clear-cut justice.

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