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ALCOM SARDEGNA REGION FOR REGIONAL COMMISSIONER

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16 March 1945

PRIORITY
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RESTRICTED PD

PARA ONE PD SUBJECT IS VISIT OF MAJOR GENERAL DE SEVIN TO SARDINIA PD
PAREN TO ALCOM SARDEGNA REGION FOR REGIONAL COMMISSIONER FROM HQ ALCOM
CITE ALEKO PAREN

PARA TWO PD YOUR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF OUR THREE FIVE THREE FOUR OF ONE
FIVE MARCH ARRIVED TOO LATE PD GENERAL DE SEVIN WILL NOW REACH CAGLIARI
BY AIR ON ONE EIGHT MARCH PD ETA ZERO EIGHT ONE ZERO HOURS

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Liaison Division

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Officer-in-Charge

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Regional Commissioner Sardinia

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15 MARCH 1945

PRIORITY

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RESTRICTED PD

SUBJECT IS MAJ GENERAL DE SEVIN PD OUR THREE FOUR ZERO SEVEN OF ONE
TWO MARCH REFERS PD

PAREN TO REGIONAL COMMISSIONER SARDINIA FROM HQ ALCOM CITE ACEXC PAREN

PARA ONE PD GENERAL DE SEVIN AND STAFF OFFICER WILL ARRIVE SATURDAY
ONE SEVEN MARCH BY REGULAR AIR SERVICE FROM NAPLES PD DURATION OF
VISIT THREE DAYS PD RETURNING TO ROME ON TWO ONE MARCH PD THIS CANCELS
PARA ONE OF PREVIOUS SIGNAL PD 64

PARA TWO PD GENERAL DE SEVIN REQUESTS TO BE INFORMED IF HIS VISIT IS
INCONVENIENT AT PRESENT TIME PD IS WILLING TO POSTPONE IT IF NECESSARY
PD

PARA THREE PD PLEASE ACKNOWLEDGE SOONEST POSSIBLE PD

ACEXC liaison Division

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NICHOLAS PIOMBINO
CWO USA
Asst Adjutant

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*Major(?) Godfrey
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AGWAR FOR GENERAL COMMANDING FRENCH AIR MISSION

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19 January 1945

ROUTINE

RESTRICTED PD

SUBJECT IS PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM GENERAL DE SEVIN TO GENERAL COMMANDING FRENCH
AIR MISSION AGWAR PD

PAREN FOR DELIVERY TO GENERAL COMMANDING FRENCH AIR MISSION AGWAR FROM GENERAL
DE SEVIN HQ ALCOM PAREN

PARA ONE PD I WOULD BE VERY GRATEFUL IF YOU WOULD ADVISE ME BY URGENT CABLE
OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DEATH OF MY SON THIERRY DE SEVIN KILLED IN A PLANE
ONE TWO JANUARY CMA AND GIVE ME SOME NEWS OF MY SON ARNAUD OF WHOM I HAVE HEARD
NOTHING SINCE HIS DEPARTURE TO AFRICA PD THANKS PD GENERAL DE SEVIN

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NICHOLAS PIOMBINO
CWO, USA
Asst Adjutant

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C O P Y

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
OFFICE OF FRENCH REPRESENTATIVE
AFO 994

Rome December 1944

JN/SM n. 1.016

TO : Liaison Division

SUBJECT: Protest of Italian Ministry Foreign Affairs.

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1. In reference to your letter 110/38/L of December 13th an investigation was immediately made in regards to the facts brought to the attention of this Office by note of Ministry Foreign Affairs.

2. It is correct that on December 9th Lucien ROSSI was arrested by members of the French Provost Marshal Coy Rome French Military Command.

3. ROSSI who belongs to the French Army, had escaped from the French Military Barracks in Bagnoli and was considered as a deserter. Therefore a regular warrant for his arrest was issued and it was the duty of French Military Police of Rome to search for him and put him under arrest.

4. Numerous Allied Military garments were found in the apartment and consequently confiscated. The three military shirts belonging to the Italian soldier were given back to him after it was established that this man belonged to an Italian unit fighting with the 8th Army.

5. The French Military Police N.C.O. in charge denies having made any threats against the persons involved.

For X de Sevin General AC
French Representative

/s/ Jehan de Noue

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C O P Y

SUBJECT: French Property

Civil Affairs Section
HQ 15 Army Group
Tel: FILPOT 57

TO : Liaison Division
Office of Chief of Staff
HQ Allied Commission

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1. Reference your 110/15/L dated 25 October 1944 General de Sevin's letter was passed to HQ. and thence to Fifth Army.
 2. Fifth Army reply the procedure for procurement of local resources is the same irrespective of ownership or nationality. Further, reports of lloing or illegal requisitioning are investigated and disposed of by Fifth Army.
 3. The Saint Gobain Glass plants at Pisa have been assigned to the Fifth Army Engineers for exploitation since 30 October 44.
 4. It is suggested that you approach Industry Sub Commission as to the future of the factory when it ceases to be in Army Area.

/s/ J. BRUCE THOMPSON
Lt Col RA
for DCCAO

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Liaison Division
Office of Chief of Staff

Tel: No. 473001

13 December 1944

Ref: 110/38/L

SUBJECT: Attached protest from Italian Ministry
of Foreign Affairs.

TO : French Representative
H.Q., A.C.

1. It would be appreciated if the facts stated in the attached
letter could be investigated and if appropriate action could be taken
if necessary.

2. May this office be informed of all action taken in order that
an appropriate reply can be sent to the Italian Ministry of Foreign
Affairs.

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Director
Liaison Division

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MINISTERO degli AFFARI ESTERI
Ufficio Collegamento

6/1225/530

MEMORANDUM FOR THE POLITICAL SECTION - A.C.

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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs wish to acquaint the A.C. with the following fact:

On the 9th inst. in Rome at about 2,30 p.m.. 5 French military policemen stationed in the barracks of the 81st Infantry Regiment, entered armed the house of Pietro Rossi, living in Borgata Tufelli, No. 18, apartment No. 339, pronouncing under arrest his son Lucio, born in 1924, as deserter from the French Army.

On this occasion they also struck the paratrooper corporal Pistelli Liberator of the Nembo Division now in furlough owing to wounds sustained in the 8th Army front and who happened to be in the house, and searched his rucksack, carrying away three military shirts.

Corporal Pistelli complained to the French Command, who called him up to the barracks where his shirts were returned to him; the French Policemen again threatened him and stated that they could arrest and kill whom they would.

On the evening of the 12th, two policemen came back to the Borgata Tufello, to look for Corporal Pestelli. Not having found him, they warned Pietro Rossi that they would return and pay Pistelli out for his complaint.

These events have raised in Borgata Tuffello and Monte Sacro, where their news have quickly spread, the most unfavorable comments and great excitement.

In recalling their memorandum No. 6/998/418 of the 9th inst. on the same subject, the Ministry for Foreign Affairs would appreciate if the A.C. would consider the possibility of recalling the competent French Authorities to a stricter observance of the limits of their competence.

Rome, December 9th 1944

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
Maison Division
Office of Chief of Staff
APO 394

Ref: 110/22/L

31 October 1944

SUBJECT : French Representative to the AC

TO : Lt Col Count de Sais
Advance AFHQ
Maison Section
Via 23 Barco, Rome

1. I refer to your query about Brig Gen X de Sevin.
2. He is the French Representative to the Allied Commission, and as such maintains a staff of one AXC and a P.A., with an office in Headquarters building.
3. He is attached here as an observer of the work of the Commission and holds a watching brief where French interests are concerned. He attends the Vice President's meetings.
4. All documents may be made available to him with the following exceptions:-
 - a) Unparaphrased copies of communications which have been coded.
 - b) Any documents that might prejudice relations between the Allied Governments.
5. He reports on the work of the Allied Commission direct to his Government.
6. I think this is all I can tell you about him. Let me know if there are any other points you would like classified, and I will attempt to do so.
7. The Russian Representative, Maj Gen I.A. Susloparov, is attached here in the same capacity, except that he maintains a larger staff of Officers who are assigned directly to the Sub-Commissions and Branches to observe their work.

LORD RUFFELY
Captain

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HEADQUARTERS
ARMED COMMISSION
Liaison Division
Office of Chief of Staff
APO 394

REF: 11479/L

31
October 1944

MEMO TO : General de Sevin AD

1. Attached is a copy of a communication from the Civil Affairs Section at HQ A.A.I. The matter of protection of French property was referred to that headquarters for action. It has been passed on to "Q" Branch of A.A.I. with the suggestion that the policy set out in your recent letter to this Office, in regard to the southern regions, be confirmed. Your office will be advised of any further action.

BRUCE BROWN
Lt. Col.

Subject:- French Property

Civil Affairs Section,
HQ Allied Armies in Italy
TEL: FILPOT 132

To:- 'Q'
(Att: Maj. Mardock)

DOCAO/7/1.2
23 Oct 44.

1. Confirming conversation (Maj. Mardock and Lt. Col. Friend James speaking). This section is pleased to attach a letter from General de Sevin, the French representative of the Allied Commission, reference JW/AM 103 of 21 Oct 44.

2. It would be appreciated if you would investigate the requisitioning of the two Saint Gobain Glass Factory plants in Pina. In this respect will you please confirm the policy which is stated in para. 3 of the attached letter will be adhered to.

3. Perhaps you would also confirm that the policy of requisitioning and compensation as stated in this letter will be applicable in the Northern Regions.

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Lt. Col.,
Chief Staff Officer.
for DOCAO

Copy to:
Liaison Division,
Office of Chief of Staff,
HQ Allied Commission.
(your 110/15/L of 25 Oct 44)

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
Liaison Division
Office of Chief of Staff
APO 394

Ref: 110/15/L

25 October 1944

SUBJECT: French Property

TO : Liaison Officer AGC
Main HQ AAI

1. The inclosed communication from the French Representative of AGC addressed to Chief of Staff AGC HQ is passed on to your office.

2. Will you please refer this to the proper authorities and notify this office what action if any can be taken on the suggested policy.

3. Paragraph 3 according to Maj. Magnus of AGC refers to a verbal understanding that was obtained by Major de Panafieu.

LEON BROWN
Lt. Col.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Office of the French Representative
APO394

October 21st 1944
JN/ SM n. 108

To: CHIEF OF STAFF ACC HQ
Subject: Requisitioning of French Materiel

1. Since the recent allied advances in Italy, a certain number of French factories and properties are being included in liberated Italian territory and a greater number still are to be found in Northern regions not yet liberated.
2. Among the former, the SAINT GOBAIN GLASS FACTORY, a French concern of world fame, has two important plants in Pisa. Since the liberation of town, allied units have greatly increased the damage already existing by requisitioning, and not always with good reasons, or even looting some parts essential to the functioning of the plant.

This is not only contrary to French interests but contrary to war effort as well, and in opposition with the rehabilitation plan for Italy. In a country where glass and its industry have been practically annihilated, the part that SAINT GOBAIN would be able to play is considerable.

The social side of the question must also not be overlooked as these factories employ the greater part of the industrial workers of the town, some of which have not been paid in the last three months.

It is only through the constant effort of the French Officer in charge of the Florence Office, Capitaine VAN LAETHEN, as well as of those of Captain SIRROTA and Lieutenant BLAYR, A.M.G. PISA, that a tragic situation does not exist to-day in Saint-Gobain. However, if requisitioning continues on this scale, the factory will be unable to operate in the future.

3. In earlier days when Major DE PANAFLEU was assistant to the French Representative, a policy was laid down by which:
 - a) no requisition would be made in Allied or French property or factory if same requisition could be made on Italian property;
 - b) only essential military requisition would be made when it had proved impossible to do otherwise;
 - c) all goods requisitioned would be paid for in cash by Allied Author-

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....rities (as it is now beeing done in Neaples in Societe OSSIGENO branch of French Air Liquide);

This would help considerably in the task of rehabilitating the plant and carry out the necessary financial responsibilities towards workers and their families.

4. In view of the situation now existing in PISA and in view of what we may expect in further Northern Regions this office feels that it may be advisable to make an effort so that the above policy be made known to proper authorities in the field.

TO: CHIEF OF STAFF AND HQ
SUBJECT: Rehabilitation of French Material
For X. de SEVIN, General A.C.
French Representative

/s/

Since the present allied advances in Italy, a certain number of French factories and properties are being included in liberated Italian territory and a greater number still are to be found in Northern regions not yet liberated.

Among the former, the SAINT DOMINUS GLASS FACTORY, a French concern of world fame, has two important plants in Italy. Since the liberation of towns, allied units have greatly increased the damage already inflicted by the Germans, and not always with good reason, or even looking some parts essential to the functioning of the plant.

This is not only contrary to French interests but contrary to the efforts of the allies, and in opposition with the results of the Italian campaign. In a country where glass and the industry have been practically annihilated, the fact that SAINT DOMINUS would be able to play its considerable role.

The modern needs of the situation must also not be overlooked as regards factories employing the greater part of the industrial workers of the area, some of which have not been in the last three months.

It is only through the constant efforts of the French Office in charge of the Economic Office, Captain VAN LATHUY, as well as of the staff of Captain BIRNBAUM and Lieutenant LIAISON, A.M.C. PISA, that a situation has not yet today in Saint-Dominus. However, it is regrettable that the situation on this scale, the factory will be unable to operate in the future.

1. In earlier days when Major DE PAVILLON was assistant to the French Representative, a policy was laid down by which:
(a) no regulation would be made in Allied or French property unless it was essential military regulation would be made when it had proved impossible to do otherwise;
(b) all goods requisitioned would be paid for in cash by Allied units.

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25 Sept 1944

25 September 1944

Dear General de Sevin,

Following my oral advice, I am sending you a
copy of a letter received from the Italian Minister for Foreign
Affairs.

Yours very truly,

ELLERY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

Le General de Brigade Aerienne X. de Sevin,
Headquarters Allied Control Commission,
Rome

Col. Brown ✓

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Rome

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Date Time 20 SEP 1944
Via C. L. Thompson
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MINISTRY OF
FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Rome, 22nd September 1944

N. 1/585

Dear Admiral,

On September 1st you asked President Bonomi whether there would be any difficulty on our part to the sending over to France of 2000 Italian specialized workers. This request had been submitted by the French Representative in Rome.

I now write to confirm the negative reply given at the time by the President and to explain that such refusal was certainly not due to any wish to be disagreeable towards France - we are in fact anxious to resume the best of relations with that Country - but it was simply dictated by the circumstance, already known to you, that all Italians at present in French Africa, whether prisoners of war or civilians, continue to be subjected to a treatment which is far from being satisfactory.

You will understand that so long as this situation prevails it is out of the question to allow further expatriations of Italian workers to France who would end by becoming, rather an object of dispute instead of, as we earnestly wish, a reason of pacification between the two Countries.

Believe me, dear Admiral,

Cordially yours,

sgd. G. VISCONTI VENOSTA

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Admiral Ellery A. Stone, U.S.N.R.
Acting Chief Commissioner,
Allied Control Commission.
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