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OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES
ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERSSubject: FASCIST DIPLOMATIC
PROTEST

Place of Origin: Switzerland

Date of Origin: Nov. 25th

Source: BERN
Sub-source: "D"

Evaluation: C-3

The Italian Legation in BERN has protested to the Swiss against their attitude on transit traffic, particularly with regard to a great part of transit material slated for the Nazi Ministry of War and Armament.

The Italian customs officials, who used to handle matters at CHIASSO in Swiss territory have moved to COMO under direct orders from the Fascist Government.

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Subject:	REPRESSIVE MEASURES - ITALY	Place of Origin:	Italy
Source:	BERN	Date of Origin:	November 23rd
Sub-source:	ngw	Evaluation:	C - 2

Placards posted at BOLOGNA proclaim that anyone divulging foreign radio broadcasts or information, whether true or false, will be shot. Any individual aiding or concealing Allied prisoners or civilians who are enemies of the Fascist Republican regime will also be shot.

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Subject : LYON -
Buildings occupied by the
Germans
Source : HADRID
Subsource : "AK"

Place of Origin : France
Date of Origin : Nov. 1
Evaluation : C-3

The following buildings in LYON are occupied by the Germans:

PALAIS DE LA FOIRE (camouflaged) : Air Corps personnel with the insignia ☒ on the blouse collar.

Air Corps General Staff personnel with insignia identical to the above, only on RED ground instead of yellow.

BARRACKS northwest of LAC DU PARC: The troops dig trenches (? for exercise?)

HOTEL THIAUX (Cours de Verdun) and ECOLE JARTE (Avenue Barthelot) : occupied by the Gestapo.

HOTEL ROYAL (Place Bellecour), CARLTON HOTEL, GRAND HOTEL (Rue Republique), HOTEL DU ULORE, HOTEL DE RUSSIE (Rue Gasparin), -- all occupied, also HOTEL GRAND TRAVEL (Rue Grece).

CAFE DES ETRANGERS and LYON GOVERNMENT GENERAL STAFF : occupied by the "Place-Kommandantur".

HOTEL DE NICE (Place Carnot) : occupied by military in transit.

NOTES:

- (a) Lustwaffe Band: concerts on place Bellecour Sunday, Oct. 10th morning and afternoon - Place de la Source Wednesday Oct. 13, evening.
- (b) Soldiers have been seen in LYON with the designation "Arménien" sewn on the arm sleeve.

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OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES
ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERSSubject : POLITICAL INFORMATION-
FRANCE

Place of Origin : France

Date of Origin : Early Nov.

Source : MAGNID (R 1939)
Subsource: "AK"

Evaluation: C-3

Manifestations are reported to have been taking place in the TOULOUSE region because of the frequent Communist radio talks over AIRBORNE radio.

It is stated that there has been some change in the resistance groups' attitude, and it is believed that the many Communist radio talks have caused disappointment and strong resentment.

Furthermore, there have been attempts at the lives of personalities, which have never been fully explained to the people; the population thinks that, in many cases, these killings are acts of sheer terrorism.

Certain people who have engaged in resistance groups activities, today are "marching backwards" because of the turn of events in the liberated countries.

As to the killings of people in France, it is obvious that the majority of the people favor acts which might lead to the liberation of the country; however, their opinion is that such acts be dictated by necessity and should be committed at an opportune moment. Meanwhile, the people do not want anything except to live in peace and with the least possible disorder.

Commenting on the killing of a French police official, informant states that the French people do not seem to understand that the Gestapo which exercises a complete control over the French police has automatically driven the French Police back into the camp of the Anti-German resistance.

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OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES
ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERSSubject : INDUSTRIAL INFORMATION-
FRANCE

Place of Origin : France

Date of Origin : Oct. 27

Source : HARRIS (R 1940)
Subsource: "AK"

Evaluation: B-3

- (a) The Powder Factory of BEAUMONT has been reinstated and is working for the Germans, since the Germans are delivering to Chemical Plants like KUHLMANN and ST. GABRIEL the pyrites necessary for the manufacture of sulphuric acid. The pyrites, reportedly coming from ESTAGNE, are of bad quality. They do not "roast" well, inasmuch as they are very fine.
- (b) The powder factories of SORGUES and ST. CHAMUS are as yet not working. Also not working is the powder factory of TOULOUSE.
- (c) The KUHLMANN factory at ESTAGNE has installed an atelier for synthetic oils. It is expected that production will start in January, 1944, and that it will possibly reach an output of 25 tons a day. The date of initial production was previously set for June, 1943, but could not be maintained. The Germans had insisted, in January 1943, that KUHLMANN start production in their ethyl chloride shops. However, voluntary and other delays have made production impossible and it is not contemplated to resume production until after the war.

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Taxicabs in MARSEILLES were limited to 120 cars driven with gas/oil and 20 cars driven with gasoline. The Germans now requisitioned 80 of the 120 taxicabs.

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3 December 1943.

MEMORANDUM:Technical Intelligence Available

1. Information respecting technical intelligence of a nature which generally approximates to that contained in the Basic and Zone Handbooks can now be obtained from O.S.S. (Office of Strategic Services) through the medium of this ^{office} department. It is hoped it will be possible to supply more specific or detailed information than that contained in the handbooks.

2. Sub-Commissions and others desiring such information are asked to submit their requests to this office.

3. When considering those areas of Italy now occupied by the enemy, Sub-Commissions are requested to furnish estimates of the kind of technical information they are likely to require in the future. Such estimates should be forwarded to this department as soon as possible.

By order of General JOYCE:

Deputy Chief of Staff
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