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4 December 1944

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MEMORANDUM FOR:

The President

The enclosed is a rather lengthy account, which you may not care to read, covering French handling of Black Troops (formerly German prisoners) who were mutinous on repatriation in Dakar.

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ACTION

FROM ALUSLO DAKAR TO DNI.NOVEMBER 22 SS CIRCASSIA ARRIVED DAKAR REPATRIATING1300 FWA TIRAILLEURS.

THESE MEN DESTINED FOR DEMOBILIZATION CENTERS HAD
BEEN FOR THE MOST PART PRISONERS OF THE GERMANS IN
FRANCE UNTIL RELEASE BY FRENCH AND AMERICANS. CIRCUM-
STANCES AT EMBARKATION POINT MORLAIX UNKNOWN BUT
REPORT UNDISCIPLINED AND HASTY AND WITHOUT EXAMINATION
OF BAGGAGE.

VOYAGE TO DAKAR TURBULENT
DUE TO LACK OF OFFICER CADRE. BOTH OFFICIAL AND
UNOFFICIAL RECEPTION BY WHITES AND BLACKS MORE THAN
CORDIAL SOMEWHAT OF TYPE GIVEN RETURNING HEROES.
THIS COMBINED WITH PAYMENT OF ACCUMULATED PAY GIVING

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THESE MEN WHAT FOR AVERAGE BLACK SMALL FORTUNES SAY 60,000
FRANCS IN CASE MADE FOR MOST TURBULENT DISORDERLY
DISRESPECTFUL GROUP ENCAMPED AT TIAROEY. FRENCH PLAN BASED
UPON USUAL DEMOB SYSTEMS SENDING MEN TO NEAREST CAMP OWN
DISTRICT OF ORIGIN. MEN REFUSED ORDERED TRANSPORTATION AND
WERE DISRESPECTFUL TO WHITES COMMANDING TIAROEY CAMP.
FIRST STEP TAKEN COLONEL FROM 6TH REGIMENT SENT TO GAULEY AND
PLEAD REASON.

THIS MET BY REQUESTS MORE PAY AND BODILY RESTRAINT OF COLONEL
FOR 6 HOURS DURING WHICH TIME MENACES OF ALL SORT ^{WERE} HAR OFFERED.
2ND ATTEMPT ON NOVEMBER 29 BY GENERAL DAGNON
RESULTED IN FURTHER MENACES AND PHYSICAL RESTRAINT LASTING SOME
HOURS. DAGNON INFORMS OBSERVER HE FELT LIFE ENDANGERED. DAGNON
49 YEARS EXPERIENCE HANDLING NATIVES WITH FRENCH ATTITUDE
PATERNALISM COMBINED DISCIPLINE. DECISION TAKEN BY DAGNON
(DEBOIS BOIS SPL ABSENT) EMPLOY FORCE IF NECESSARY
EXPEDITED DISTRIBUTION GROUPS DEMOBILIZATION CENTERS. STEPS
TAKEN CALL 2 BATTALIONS FROM ST LOUIS 1 OF WHICH PARTIALLY
MOTORIZED HAVING 3 TANKS 4 6-WHEELED VEHICLES WITH
MACHINE GUNS MOUNTED AND SEVERAL ARMORED CARS. THIS MATERIAL
AND TROOPS ENTRAINED AND ARRIVED DAKAR REGION EVENING
30TH AND AT 0300 MORNING 1ST DEPLOYED WITH TROOPS
FROM 6TH DAKAR SO AS TO SURROUND TIAROEY CAMP.

AT DAYBREAK MUTINOUS GROUP CALLED UPON TO

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MUTINEERS OPENED FIRE WITH MISCELLANEOUS SMALL ARMS INCLUDING 1 MACHINE GUN. ANSWERING FIRE FROM REGULARS OVER PERIOD OF APPROXIMATELY 1 HOUR RESULTED APPROXIMATELY 100 CASUALTIES OF WHICH OVER 30 DEAD. 70 PERCENT OF WOUNDED EXPECTED TO SURVIVE. SURRENDER ENSUED AND FROM PERSONAL OBSERVATION AT 1100 MUTINEERS LINED UP SEARCH OF BAGGAGE AND EFFECTS PROCEEDING AND RING LEADERS BEING CORRALLED FOR TRIAL BY MILITARY COURT. CASUALTIES FOR REGULARS 1 SENEGLAISE WOUNDED WHITES NONE. 1 SECTION WHITE NAVY CALLED OUT 1000 TO RELIEVE ARMY MANY HAVING BEEN ON CONTINUOUS DUTY 36 HOURS. OBSERVATIONS. ALTHOUGH WHITE CADRES VERY SMALL IN NUMBER APPEAR CAPABLE HANDLING ANY SUCH SITUATION LOCALLY. LOCAL SENEGALESE TROOPS PROVED RELIABLE. MUTNEERS AROUSED BY RINGLEADERS NUMBERING APPROXIMATELY 60 WHO APPEAR INCULCATED CAREFULLY BY GERMANB WITH FRENCH INFERIORITY. ADDITIONAL 10000 TIRAILLEURS TO BE REPATRIATED WHEN TRANSPORTATION AVAILABLE. REQUEST EMANATING HERE TO PARIS THESE BE DEFERRED AND/OR SENT IN SMALL GROUPS. PARIS REQUESTED EARLY THIS WEEK ALL AVAILABLE WHITE CADRES BE SENT NORTH. LOCAL AUTHORITIES HAVE REQUESTED CANCELLATION THIS ORDER. WILL REPORT RESULTS COURT MARTIAL RINGLEADERS BY DISPATCH

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OTHER DETAILS BY MAIL. WHITE CIVIL POPULATION ABSOLUTELY
CALM. BLACK POPULATION ALSO CALM. INCLINED TAKE LESS
ADVANTAGE PRIVILEGES OF CITIZENSHIP WHICH ON OCCASION IN
PAST HAVE BEEN MARKED BY EFFRONTERY RUDENESS AND IN OTHER
MINOR WAYS. LOCALLY WHITE AND BETTER ELEMENTS SATISFIED
ACTION NECESSARY AND SALUBRIOUS. LOCAL POLITICIANS SUCH
AS MAYOR DEPENDENT UPON COLORED VOTE AS YET UNSOUNDED.
FOR INFORMATION OTHER SOURCES SUGGEST OBTAIN MILAND
STATE DEPARTMENT DISPATCHES EMANATING THIS POST.

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FROM: Allied Force Headquarters, Caserta, Italy

TO: War Department

No. FX 84957

19 August 1944

From AFHQ for action to AGWAR and TROOPERS FX
84957 signed Wilson cite FHSGS

His Holiness the Pope has expressed to CINC AAI
through the British Legation to the Holy See his appreci-
ation of the fine example, bearing, and conduct of Allied
troops in Rome.

As this reflects great credit upon the Armed
Forces, it is thought that this information should be
forwarded to you.

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By RHP, NLR, Date MAY 15 1974

ACTION: OPD

INFO: CC/S, CGAAF, Col. Park, BFR, Log

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From: Allied Force Headquarters, Caserta, Italy

To: War Department

Fr: FX 76168

28 July 1944

FX 76168 from AFHQ for action to AGWAR, for info
to HQ AAI-Rome Area Command signed Wilson cite FHGEG.

Information requested in your W 62678 of 9 July
and promised in our FX 72303 of 14 July appears below.
Regret unavoidable delay in replying.

Allied Control Commission

1. The only troops in Rome are HQ ACC, HQ Rome
Allied Area Command and Rear Adm Echelon of HQ AAI. Last
named is located only temporarily in Rome; its movement,
as soon as operations permit, is already planned to location
further north. Also in Rome are numerous British and
American hospitals and minimum administration troops for
local maintenance and administration. Certain hotels have
also been allotted temporarily for accommodation of officers
on leave. No rest camps for troops have been established
within the city, but these are being established outside
the city limits and are already partly in operation.

2. A total of 6000 Allied troops are allowed to
visit Rome daily. Parking for vehicles is provided.
Military police are directed to assist troops visiting the
city and to give aid in handling traffic. Behavior of
troops throughout has been very satisfactory. City seems
pleased with them. Number of military police is sufficient
to handle situation.

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Nr: FX 76168

28 July 1944

3. Excepting those listed above no Army personnel is permitted to be in the city overnight. Curfew from 2300 hours to 0500 hours is strictly enforced and save when specific official duty required otherwise all Army personnel are required to observe it.

4. Visiting troops have restaurants operated by the Army for lunch and supper, guides for sightseeing, maps and information are available. There are great numbers visiting ecclesiastical points of interest. Clubs for officers and enlisted men are run by the American Red Cross, the Expeditionary Forces Institute, philanthropic bodies and by both Armies and Air Forces. Recreational facilities have been set up for other nationalities.

5. Numerous cinemas operas and variety shows have been organized.

6. The Pope has received in audience large numbers of troops of all Christian denominations and has spoken to them in English. The kindly reception given by His Holiness has greatly impressed the troops.

FOOTNOTE: FX 72303 is CM-IN-12015 (15 Jul 44) CAD
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ACTION: CAD

INFO : OPD

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From: US Military Attache, Bern, Switzerland
To : War Department
DTG : 131856 13th July 1944.

From Legge for Marshall.

I have been studying for some time with A. E. Blanco Anti Opium Information Bureau Geneva use narcotics as weapon of war and danger therefrom during period of war and subsequent to occurrence.

Great danger exists because of fact Germans producing opium synthetically from coal tar. This factual.

Recommend formation of carefully selected Military Anti Opium Commission Army and Navy Air Force Marine Corps.

This commission should be empowered call for and examine all information in Archives Civil Anti Narcotic Service, which service should be mobilized whenever possible under direct military control during period of war and occupation.

Recommendation based following facts:

- A. In past narcotics have been used as weapon of war.
- B. No reason to believe that narcotics are not now being used as weapon of war.
- C. Use during period of occupation highly probable.

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From: US Military Attache, Bern, Switzerland
DTG : 131856 13th July 1944.

Following preventive measures are suggested:

1. For duration of war and occupation all civil medical personnel in allied or military controlled countries should in matters referring to narcotics be placed under immediate control of respective Military Anti Narcotics Commission and not allowed to withhold information on professional secrecy.
2. All persons who in part have already been connected with illicit traffic narcotics should be listed and prevented from contact with enlisted men and kept under surveillance.
3. Special instructions concerning control narcotics in field hospitals should be issued and inspection at regular intervals to control.
4. Military police responsible for close surveillance special instructions.
5. Camp followers and prostitutes special control.
6. All prisoners should be questioned concerning use or abuse of narcotics in countries of origin and in concentration and prisoner camps from which they have escaped.
7. During medical examination preceding enlistment and subsequent examination simple tests fixed by law of rank to reveal whether examined is taking narcotics.
8. Members medical personnel warned against too free or too prolonged use.

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From: US Military Attache, Bern, Switzerland
DTG: 131856 13th July 1944.

Interallied Commission might consider question collaboration neutral countries.

In time war and or occupation military authorities cannot leave protection armed forces against narcotics to civil authorities.

From my studies I earnestly recommend early date this important matter.

End.

ACTION: JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF

INFO : ADM LEAHY
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From: Headquarters MOASC Brookley Field, Mobile, Ala
To: War Department
Nr: 73010 25 May 1944

From Mollison MOASC nbr 73010 Attn Asst Chief of
Air Staff Intelligence Counter Intelligence Div.

Spot report herewith submitted of disturbance involving 437 Avn SQ and 4906 AAP Base Unit Avn SQ all colored troops at Brookley Fld MOASC Ala.

At 2330Q 24 May Marshall Leroy Holt white civ employ-
ed at Ala Dry Dock and Ship Building Co and living near
colored troop cantonment become involved in an altercation
with several negro soldiers names unknown and not identifi-
able by Holt.

Holt slightly injured was taken to mil police at
Brookley Fld who sent MP's and OD to scene of altercation.
Colored soldiers were dispersed by OD and ordered to return
to their barrack area where they gained admission to bldg
where weapons are stored and secured possession of 51 car-
bines and 19 Thompson machine guns together with over 2000
rounds of ammunition.

Spasmodic shooting took place in colored troop area
by negro soldiers. Capt Richard L Greens CO of 437 Avn SQ
who was called to the scene together with the OD were harri-
caded in orderly room and fired upon. No shooting took
place outside colored troop area. By 0200Q 25 May the
disturbance was quelled without the use of force or Military

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From: Headquarters MOASC Brookley Field, Mobile, Ala

Nr: 73010 25 May 1944

Police by 3 white Offs assisted by Capt Greene, white.

The colored troops were accounted for, the area was searched and all weapons except 4 carbines were recovered. No further disturbance has occurred. Search continuing for missing carbines and investigation proceeding. So far as can now be determined this disturbance was of spontaneous origin and there is no indication that outside forces or subversive grps had any connection with the incident.

Staff Sgt Wellington D Abrams was shot by white MP during the early stages of disturbance receiving 5 bullets 45 caliber in one arm and 3 bullets 45 caliber in abdomen, is in critical condition in sta hospital Brookley Fld. No other injuries have been discovered with the exception of superficial injuries recd by white civilian Holt.

HQS 4 Svc Comd, HQS ASC, local FBI and all other local agencies cognizant. No serious effect upon training of the 437 Avn Squadron.

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ACTION: CG AAF

INFORMATION: ASF
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Joint Chiefs of Staff
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April 22, 1944

U S Military Mission
Moscow, Russia (M-138)

Number WAR 27061

[REDACTED] for Deane Moscow from the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

In response to your number 444 the Joint Chiefs of Staff have requested the State Department to amend its instructions to Embassy so as to refer to "Armed Forces" instead of "Naval and Military Forces".

ORIGINATOR: JC/S

INFORMATION: Gen. Arnold
OPD
Gen. Bissell
Adm. King
Col. Park
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From: Military Mission, Moscow, Russia.

To: War Department

No. 444 18 April 1944

Joint Chiefs of Staff from Deane [REDACTED]

State Dept in their 921 of April 15th to Ambassador sent a suggested text of a note to be delivered to Soviet Government regarding criminal jurisdiction over members of armed forces of the United States in Soviet Union. 1st paragraph of suggested note is paraphrased as follows:

"The United States Government desires that during the duration of the present war against our mutual enemies the service courts and authorities of United States military and naval forces shall exercise jurisdiction in all criminal offenses which members of such forces may commit in the Soviet Union".

Ambassador, Adm Olsen, and I agree that to include naval forces in this agreement at this time might create Soviet suspicion of our intentions and prolong the negotiations. We feel it would be better to get the specific FRANTIC case approved thereby establishing a precedent which would facilitate future general or specific agreement as circumstances may later make necessary.

If you concur will you please request State Dept to withdraw that part of their instructions to the Embassy which indicated that Naval forces should be included in agreement which we are now trying to conclude.

Reference unidentified by WDCMC.

No Sig

ACTION: JC/S

INFO : Gen Arnold, OPD, Gen Bissell, Adm. King, Col Park,
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Operations Division WDGS
Policy Section WDOPD
OPD 250.1 (17 Jan 44)
JCS 2971

January 18, 1944

CINC SWPA
BRISBANE AUSTRALIA

NUMBER: 3256

CG USAF CBI
FORWARD ECHELON
AMMDEL NEW DELHI INDIA

NUMBER: 5750

CG USAF CBI
REAR ECHELON
AMMISCA CHUNGKING CHINA

NUMBER: 4333

CG ALASKAN DEPARTMENT

NUMBER: 6457

ACP ADAK

NUMBER: 1101

From Joint Chiefs of Staff for MacArthur, Stilwell and Buckner.

The Bureau of Customs has reported that members of the armed forces and of the Merchant Marine are bringing into this country war trophies which are purported to be Japanese skulls. The Bureau further reports that it is unable to seize these objects because there is no law prohibiting their import.

Aside from the objections which arise from the barbarous and shocking nature of these trophies, there are other serious objections to this practice. If the skulls are in fact those of members of the Japanese armed services, this practice constitutes a violation of an obligation to afford a decent burial to enemy dead. Furthermore, there is grave danger of Japanese retaliation.

The Joint Chiefs of Staff direct that each theater commander take action to:

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A. Prevent the preparation of skulls or similar objects as war trophies.

B. Prevent members of the armed forces (and, as far as practicable, anyone else) from taking or sending from the theater Japanese skulls or any similar trophies which might be represented as a part of a Japanese body.

ORIGINATOR: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
JCS (Capt Royal USN)
NAVY (Aide to COMINCH, Cmdr Long)
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FROM: COMINCH
E. J. PURCELL CCWO

ACTION:
CINCPAC

INFORMATION:
COMSOPAC
COMNORPAC

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THE BUREAU OF CUSTOMS HAS REPORTED THAT MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES AND OF THE MERCHANT MARINE ARE BRINGING INTO THIS COUNTRY WAR TROPHIES WHICH ARE PURPORTED TO BE JAPANESE SKULLS X THE BUREAU FURTHER REPORTS THAT IT IS UNABLE TO SEIZE THESE OBJECTS BECAUSE THERE IS NO LAW PROHIBITING THEIR IMPORT X PARA X ASIDE FROM THE OBJECTIONS WHICH ARISE FROM THE BARBAROUS AND SHOCKING NATURE OF THESE TROPHIES THERE ARE OTHER SERIOUS OBJECTIONS TO THIS PRACTICE X IF THE SKULLS ARE IN FACT THOSE OF MEMBERS OF THE JAPANESE ARMED SERVICES THIS PRACTICE CONSTITUTES A VIOLATION OF AN OBLIGATION TO AFFORD A DECENT BURIAL TO ENEMY DEAD X FURTHERMORE THERE IS GRAVE DANGER OF JAPANESE RETALLIATION X PARA X

THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF DIRECT THAT EACH THEATER COMMANDER TAKE ACTION TO PREVENT THE PREPARATION OF SKULLS OR SIMILAR OBJECTS AS WAR TROPHIES AND TO PREVENT MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES PAREN AND AS FAR AS PRACTICABLE ANYONE ELSE PAREN FROM TAKING OR SENDING FROM THE THEATER JAPANESE SKULLS OR ANY SIMILAR TROPHIES WHICH MIGHT BE REPRESENTED AS A PART OF A JAPANESE BODY

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