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SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

SUBJECT: FRENCH MAQUIS AND PARTISAN ACTIVITIES.

On 13 May 1945, the undersigned Agent received the following information from a reliable informant, Ing. CAPELLO, regarding Subject :

TORRIPELICI - French troops had joined the partisan bands in this area at the invitation of the partisans. Reported to be Communists opposed to the Allied occupation of the area. They are fully armed.

LANZO (Torino) - Partisan Communists and French Maquis are regrouping and re-arming and going into the mountains with intentions of fighting. It is reported that the aforementioned groups are joining up with Brigata Nera and other Fascist groups that are hiding in the mountains and that same are to be re-inforced by Russian Communist armed bands and an attempt will be made to drive the Allies out of northwestern Italy.

CUNEO - French Maquis control a strip 20 miles wide in the area south of CUNEO. Anti-American and anti-British manifests are being posted on buildings in that area and propaganda leaflets are being distributed. Petitions are being signed by thousands of persons signifying their intentions to detach this area from Italy and become part of France.

Partisan leaders of the S.A.P. (Communist group) Torino, have made statements that they don't want the Allies in northwestern Italy and that they will be driven out as the Germans were.

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