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Turin Section

MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE:

SUBJECT: Italo-French Frontier

RE: Miscellaneous Information

The following information has been compiled by this Agent on a tour of inspection of the frontier region.

1. In the Ventimiglia region the French are in force up to the coastal town of BORDIGHERRA between San REMO and VENTIMIGLIA. French officers and soldiers are bringing into the region civilian friends, wives, and servants against travel control regulations.
2. In this French controlled region the French authorities are importing food-stuffs for the civilian population and have issued French ration cards to those who sympathize with the French propaganda movement to annex the territory to France.
3. American military authorities are experiencing difficulties with their communications because telephone wires are being cut nightly by unidentified persons hostile to the Allies.
4. American guards of the 34th INF. Div. are on the actual frontier (1939) at San LUIGI.
5. In the central sector French authorities are moving more troops into the SUSA valley. In SUSA itself at least two more battalions of French troops have reenforced the garrison of the city.
6. American telephone wires between SUSA and BUSSOLENO are being cut nightly by unidentified persons.
7. The French road block at Ferrera has been moved east of the bridge where it was previously located.
8. French soldiers are continuing their hostile methods to create incidents between themselves and American troops.

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9. At BUSSOLENO French military personnel are searching and inspecting all trains before they depart for Turin.

10. On 21 May 1945, French soldiers stopped the car of Sig. GONNELLA, Commandant of the 41st ALTA VAL SUSA Partisan Division, forced the above and RICCARDI, Mario to descend and proceeded to assault them. Subjects were saved from further harm by the arrival of an American jeep. The French soldiers told Subjects to fail to report the incident and left. French soldiers, on request, stated that they were only carrying out orders. Subject is collaborating with Allied authorities in the region, and it is possible that the assault can be directly related with his pro-Allied feelings as opposed by the French in the region.

11. A French captain, Capt. GASTIER, BSM, reports that the leaders of the Partisan movement in Italy are collaborating with Marshal "TITO". "French informants report that "TITO" is willing to furnish the Italian Partisans with arms to overthrow the BONOMI government and to establish a communist controlled government friendly to Yugoslavia. In return "TITO" would give up his claims on Trieste.

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