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APO 512 U.S. ARMY

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Turin Section

MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE:

SUBJECT: French Military Personnel, in the Turin Area

1. This Agent was advised by Capt. GAYLARD, S-2, South African Brigade, that during the day, above date, several French officers and men had been stopped at the Turin road-block by South African guards and refused entry into the city which is off limits to French military personnel.

2. It appears that French military personnel who are restricted to territory already containing French troops, have been able to pass freely, through the American road-blocks at AVIGLIANA in the central sector and at BORDIGHERRA in the southern sector of the frontier region.

3. Lt. Col. Bruce and Capt. Gaylard informed this Agent that they were being placed in a difficult position when French military personnel allowed to pass American road-blocks at the above named places without any control. Since the South African Brigade is charged with the internal security of Turin, it is felt that French military personnel should be controlled at the American road-blocks rather than at the Turin road-blocks.

4. Some specific cases are:

a. Col. FAIBLT, French, crossed the road-block of the 133rd Regt, 34th Inf. Div., at AVIGLIANA, and attempted to reach Turin but was turned back at the Turin road-block.

b. Lt. CAUVAN, French, crossed at San LUIGI, and BORDIGHERRA, on the Riviera, and made his way to Turin before being turned back.

c. An unidentified lieutenant crossed from GRENOBLE, made his way to SUSA, passed freely through the American road-block at AVIGLIANA, and was stopped and turned back, at the Turin road-block.

d. Capt. ARMAND, went from NICE to Turin before being turned back at Turin.

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e. Lt. SAVITSKY, French, went from SUSA to Turin through AVIGLIANA and was turned back at the road-block at Turin.

The above named persons and other French military personnel arrived in French military vehicles or civilian cars.

5. It appears to this Agent that American military personnel on road-blocks away from the frontier are not cognizant of travel regulations governing French military personnel. Road-blocks away from the frontier are not operating as a tight a control as is desired.

AGENT'S NOTES

1. This Agent recommends that existing travel regulations be made available to military personnel on duty in the frontier region.

2. It appears that the large number of French military personnel attempting to enter the Turin area on this date can very well be "test cases" on the part of the French military authorities.

3. French military authorities should be once more advised that all areas not containing French troops are "off limits" to French personnel, and a strong protest be launched to the French military authorities in the region.

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