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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.

W. B. Brown

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By Deputy Archivist of the U.S.
By W. J. Stewart Date DEC 10 1973
FROM ALUSLO DAKAR TO DNI.

NOVEMBER 22 SS CIRCASSIA ARRIVED DAKAR REPATRIATING
1300 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. CIRCUMSTANCES 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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Make original only. Deliver to Code Room Watch Officer in person. (See Art. 76 (4) NAVREGS.)
These men what for average black small fortunes say 60,000 francs in case made for most turbulent disorderly disrespectful group encamped at Tiaroye. 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 Tiaroye camp. First step taken colonel from 6th regiment sent to Oauley and plead reason.

This met by requests more pay and bodily restraint of colonel for 6 hours during which time menaces of all sort 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 Tiaroye camp. At daybreak mutinous group called upon to

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OSD letter, May 6, 1972

By S.D. Date DEC 10 1972
MUSTER FOR APPROPRIATE SEGREGATION AND DISTRIBUTION.

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 CORRALED FOR TRIAL BY MILITARY COURT. CASUALTIES FOR REGULARS 1 SENECALESE 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 SENECALESE TROOPS PROVED RELIABLE. MUTINEERS AROUSED BY RING LEADERS NUMBERING APPROXIMATELY 60 WHO APPEAR INCULCATED CAREFULLY BY GERMANS 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 RING LEADERS BY DISPATCH.

ALUCLIO DAKAR
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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.

E. G. 11852, Sec. 3(D) and 6(D) or (E)
OSD letter, May 4, 1972
By SLR Date DEC 10 1973

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SECRET
FROM: Allied Force Headquarters, Caserta, Italy
TO: War Department
No. FX 84957 19 August 1944

From AFAQ for action to AGWAR and TROOPERS FX 84957 signed Wilson cite FHSOS

His Holiness the Pope has expressed to CINC AAI through the British Legation to the Holy See his appreciation 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.

END

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\JCS memo, 1-4-74
\By BHE, NLR, Date MAY 15 1974

ACTION: OPD
INFO: CC/S, CGAAB, Col. Park, BFR Log

CM-IN-18085 (20 Aug 1944) 0708Z emh 43

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FROM: Allied Force Headquarters, Caserta, Italy
To: War Department
MR: FX 76168 28 July 1944

FX 76168 from APhQ for action to AGWAR, for info to HQ AAI-Rome Area Command signed Wilson cite F0969.

Information requested in your W 62578 of 9 July and promised in our FX 72303 of 14 July appears below. Regret unavoidable delay in replying.

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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From: Allied Force Headquarters, Caserta, Italy
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

ACTION: CAD
INFO: OPD
Mr. McCloy
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By RRF, NLR, Date May 15 1974

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


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 sub-
sequent 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 occupa-
tion.

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.

CM-IN-11100 (14 Jul 44)

By SLR  Date DEC 10 1973

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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.
From: US Military Attache, Bern, Switzerland
Date: 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
       CG AAF
       ASF
       OFD
       G-2
       ADM KING
       LOG

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

From Hollison MOASC nfr 73010 Attn: Asst Chief of Air Staff Intelligence Counter Intelligence Div.

Spot report here with of disturbance involving 437 Avn Sq and 4906 AAF Base Unit Avn Sq all colored troops at Brookley Flt MOASC Ala.

At 2330 on 23 May Marshall Leroy Holt white civ employee at Ala Dry Dock and Ship Building Co and living near colored troop cantonment became involved in an altercation with several negro soldiers names unknown and not identifiable by Holt.

Holt slightly injured was taken to mil police at Brookley Flt who sent NP's and OD to scene of altercation. Colored soldiers were dispersed by OD and ordered to return to their barracks area where they gained admission to bilg where weapons are stored and secured possession of 51 carbines 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 Greene SC of 437 Avn Sq who was called to the scene together with the OD were barricaded 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
From: Headquarters MOASC Brookley Field, Mobile, Ala
Nr: 73010 25 May 1944

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

The colored troops were accounted for, the area
was searched and all weapons except 4 carbines were re-
covered. No further disturbance has occurred. Search con-
tinuing 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 groups had any connection with the in-
cident.

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 read by white civilian Holt.

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

ACTION: CG AAF

INFORMATION: ASP  G-2

CM-IN-19608 (26 May 44) 0752Z bjm
Joint Chiefs of Staff
71469
April 22, 1944

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

Number WAR 27061
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
CofS

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By RRF, N LR, Date MAY 15 1974

CM-OUT-27061 (23 Apr 44) 0241Z lee

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From: Military Mission, Moscow, Russia.

To: War Department

No. 444 18 April 1944

Joint Chiefs of Staff from Beane

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 in 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 latter 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: JO/S

INFO: Gen Arnold, OPD, Gen Bissell, Adm. King, Col Park, C of S

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By RRF, NLR, Date MAY 15 1974

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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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CM-OUT-7994 (20 Jan 44) 2329Z ejm

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FROM: COMINCH  
E.J. PURCELL CCWO  

ACTION: GINOPOA  

INFORMATION: COMSOPAC  
COMNORPAC  

191225 G.C.T.

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. 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. 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. 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 PARENT AND AS FAR AS PRACTICABLE ANYONE ELSE PARENT 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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