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PLACE: Arbaoua Section  
DATE: 2 August 1944

MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE:

SUBJECT: Anti-Allied Propaganda

RE: SARLAND, Cure of Souk el Arba

This Agent has received reports in the past that French soldiers on furlough here at Souk el Arba du Charb were constantly being subjected to anti-Allied propaganda by the Cure SARLAND under whose care the soldiers on furlough are lodged and fed. On 29 July 1944, three French soldiers approached this Agent and complained that SARLAND had been making treasonable statements against the Allies. Asked to be more specific, these soldiers namely;

1. RENAUD, Marcel, 2me classe, CO. 23, FTA 410, BHR, Marrakech
2. CALOET, Paul, Brigadier, 5me RAO, AOF, MM, Casablanca
3. MENARD, Rene, 1er classe, CO ABES, 1er Escadron, 1er Groupe, Rabat

made the attached statement, a copy of which, and its translation in English are included with this report.

On 1 August 1944, SARLAND very confidentially uttered the following remarks to RENAUD:

"You understand, people find that it's going rather badly with the Americans and the French. It seems that our troops in Italy are being withdrawn for that reason I don't know if it's true, but these are rumors which are circulating around town. .... Do you know that the Italians are supervising the port of Casablanca? French ships have been obliged to pass under their supervision and control. All this is being done for an obvious reason of course. President Roosevelt is seeking the support of the STRONG Fascist element in America to be re-elected, and is doing everything in his power to please them. You can see from the Italian and Spanish situations."

AGENT'S NOTES:

SARLAND in the meantime is being kept under constant surveillance by the BSM and the BST, Souk el Arba, and the charges brought against him are being investigated by these agencies. At the same time the police are conducting a morals investigation based on complaints received from soldiers over a period of four months.

This Agent has known the Subject for over three months and does not doubt the charges brought against him. As a priest, SARLAND is in a position to do grave harm to the Allied war effort. He should be removed at once because he is a menace to Franco-American relations. As an "Affecte special" he is subject to military law and he should be tried by a military tribunal.

This Agent requests that the names of the soldiers mentioned be withheld if this report be given to the French authorities.

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Copy of the letter received by this Agent as translated in English;

SOUK EL ARBA 29 July 1944

Considering that it is our duty to inform you of a discussion we have had with the Cure of Souk el Arba, we take the liberty to disclose it to you.

We went looking for him to discuss a little party that we were thinking of holding next Saturday at the "Red Cross Center". One subject led to another till we came to politics. Textually, here are the main points that he expressed:

"You are young you understand, you think only of the end of the war without reflecting further, but we, the people of importance, the planters, ask ourselves exactly which way the end of the war will turn. For don't you see, although conquered, THE GERMANS ARE STILL THE VICTORS BECAUSE THE CHOICE OF SELECTING THEIR CONQUEROR IS UP TO THEM. Two solutions for them: To agree with the Allies to continue the fight against Russia together (and that is why the Allies spare the Italians and France) or, to give in to Russia, and then one asks himself what is to become of Europe. That is why the Petain followers are beginning to gain the upperhand over the DE GAULLE partisans, and , ONE ASKS HIMSELF IF PHILIPPE HENRIOT WASN'T REALLY RIGHT".

These are only a few remarks of many others, and it isn't the first time that the Cure has maintained similar ones.

To support such remarks before soldiers seems to us an act of propaganda in favor of the enemy, and as such treason to the nation. The Cure, appears to be to us a public danger and we denounce him as such. Such propaganda on the home front can cause serious disturbances in our armies. What we heard to-day, others will hear tomorrow. All this must cease for the honor of France.

Signed, RENAUD

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