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FLAG: Arbaoua Section
DATE: 25 June 1944

MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE:

SUBJECT: SECURITY MEASURES TO BE TAKEN IN REGION

RE: Closing of Moulay Bou Selhem to Vacationists

From a confidential informant this Agent learned that Moulay Bou Selhem, the seaside summer resort, 45 km. northwest of Souk el Arba, and about 15 km. from the frontier, will be closed to tourists and vacationists this summer. In the past, Moulay Bou Selhem, which is dangerously close to the frontier, has been used by pseudo-tourists and vacationists to effect clandestine crossings into the Spanish zone. As yet no official statement has been made by the "Contrôleur Civil" of Souk el Arba.

AGENT'S NOTES:

Bargha Farm, long a thorn in the sides of the various security agencies of the region lies within the affected area. The closing of Moulay Bou Selhem may be an attempt on the part of the French security agencies to render Bargha Farm useless as a potential danger spot for illegal crossings.

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PLACE: Arbaoua Section
DATE: 5 July 1944

MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE:

SUBJECT: Security Measure Taken in Region

III: Closing of Moulay Bou Selhem to Vacationists

As reported by this agent, see memo dated 25 June 1944, same subject, Moulay Bou Selhem has been officially closed to tourists and summer vacationists as of 10 June 1944. This agent, in the company of Special Agent Heebo, reconnoitered the area on 1 July 1944 and discovered that although the region is officially restricted to tourists, unofficially there were several families picnicking in the region. This condition was brought about by the fact that no one has been delegated the enforcing power and consequently tourists can travel unimpeded once past the road-block on the Moulay Bou Selhem road at Sakk El Arba.

AGENT'S NOTES:
The closing of Moulay Bou Selhem, if properly enforced, improves security in the region.

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PLACE: Arbaoua Section
DATE: 9 July 1944

MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE:

SUBJECT: Frontier Guard System

RE: Opening of Moulay ben Selham to Vacationists

Immediately upon the re-opening of the frontier, travel restrictions affecting Moulay ben Selham were lifted, only a week after the official closing order had been carried out. (See Memo dated 5 July 1944, Subject: Security Measures Taken in Region).

AGENT’S NOTES:

This Agent knows that the colonists of this region objected strongly to the closing of Moulay ben Selham, and in fact, delayed its closure by employing political pressure. The re-opening of the frontier was immediately used as an excuse to lift the restricting order. This latest decision responds the Dargha farm problem to all security agencies of the area. This agent offers the following suggestions:

1) No "ordre de mission" to circulate in the vicinity of Moulay ben Selham be given to anyone without first earning the BSF or BSF of Souk el Arba.

2) The requiring of a "second-conduit" to circulate in the vicinity of Moulay ben Selham to be given only to the colonists of the region who are well known to security agencies in Souk el Arba.

3) To establish a permanent bureau at Moulay ben Selham to check vacationists for travel authorizations during the next few months.

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PLACE: Arbaoua Section
DATE: 25 June 1944

MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE:

SUBJECT: SECURITY MEASURE TO BE TAKEN IN REGION

RE: Closing of Moulay Bou Selham to Vacationists

from a confidential informant this Agent learned that Moulay Bou Selham, the seaside summer resort, 43 km. northwest of Souk el Arba, and about 15 km. from the frontier, will be closed to tourists and vacationists this summer. In the past, Moulay Bou Selham, which is dangerously close to the frontier, has been used by pseudo-tourists and vacationists to effect clandestine crossings into the Spanish zone. As yet no official statement has been made by the "Contrôleur Civil" of Souk el Arba.

AGENT’S NOTES:

Bargha farm, long a thorn in the sides of the various security agencies of the region lies within the affected area. The closing of Moulay Bou Selham may be an attempt on the part of the French security agencies to render Bargha farm useless as a potential danger spot for illegal crossings.

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PLACE: Arbaoua Section
DATE: 5 July 1944

MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE:

SUBJECT: Security Measure Taken in Region

RE: Closing of Moulay Bou Selham to Vacationists

As reported by this Agent (See memo dated 25 June 1944, same Subject), Moulay Bou Selham has been officially closed to tourists and summer vacationists as 30 June 1944. This Agent in the company of Special Agent Woollett, reconnoitered the area on 1 July 1944 and discovered that although the region is officially restricted to tourists, unofficially there were several families picknicking in the region. This condition was brought about by the fact that no one had been delegated the enforcing power and consequently tourists can travel unimpeded once past the road-block on the Moulay Bou Selham road at Souk el Arba.

AGENT’S NOTES:
The closing of Moulay Bou Selham, if properly enforced, improves security in the region.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE:

SUBJECT: Frontier Guard System

RE: Opening of Moulay bou Selham to Vacationists

Immediately upon the re-opening of the frontier, travel restrictions affecting Moulay bou Selham were lifted, only a week after the official closing order had been carried out. (See Memo dated 5 July 1944, Subject: Security Measures Taken in Region).

AGENT’S NOTES:
This Agent knows that the colonists of this region objected strongly to the closing of Moulay bou Selham, and in fact, delayed its closure by employing political pressure. The re-opening of the frontier was immediately used as an excuse to lift the restricting order. This latest decision reopens the Bargha farm problem to all security agencies of the area. This Agent offers as a solution to the problem the following suggestions:

1) No “ordre de mission” to circulate in the vicinity of Moulay bou Selham be given to anyone without first warning the BSM or BST of Souk el Arba.

2) The requiring of a “sauf-conduit” to circulate in the vicinity of Moulay bou Selham to be given only to the colonists of the region who are well known to security agencies in Souk el Arba.

3) To establish a permanent bureau at Moulay bou Selham to check vacationists for travel authorizations during the next few months.

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