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CHIEF, EE	COSG, BOB, FOB, COS, C	CHIEF OF BASE, BONN	INTEL/CAMLET REPORT ON TOP LEVEL CHANGES IN THE FRENCH GARRISON IN BERLIN	X	MARKED FOR INDEXING NO INDEXING REQUIRED ONLY QUALIFIED HEADQUARTERS DESK CAN JUDGE INDEXING	
					ABSTRACT	
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ACTION REQUIRED - REFERENCES

1. FOLLOWING INFORMATION WAS RECEIVED BY [] FROM CAMLET-1 ON 19 FEBRUARY. IT WAS GIVEN TO CAMLET-1 BY A FRENCH SOURCE WHO, ACCORDING TO CAMLET-1, HAS BEEN KNOWN TO HIM FOR A LONG TIME AND HAS BEEN ACTIVE ON THE POLITICAL PLANE IN WEST BERLIN FOR YEARS. [] SPECULATES THAT THIS SOURCE MIGHT BE STEPHANIE ROUSSEL, BONN CORRESPONDENT FOR FRANCE SOIR, WHO SPENDS A LOT OF TIME IN BERLIN.
2. THIS REPORT IS NOT BEING SENT AS AN EGN BECAUSE WE FEEL THE SOURCING INFORMATION IS INSUFFICIENT.
3. FRENCH SOURCE STATED DURING A DISCUSSION ON 16 FEB THAT NOT ONLY THE FRENCH COMMANDANT IN BERLIN, GENERAL LACOMME, WOULD BE RELIEVED OF HIS DUTIES BUT ALSO HIS POLITICAL ADVISOR, MINISTER DE CHALVRON. FURTHERMORE, FAR REACHING CHANGES ARE TAKING PLACE IN THE FRENCH STAFF IN BERLIN. NONE OF THE FRENCH MILITARY AND CIVILIAN PERSONNEL KNOWN FROM ONE DAY TO THE NEXT WHETHER THEY WILL STILL HAVE THEIR JOBS.
4. SOURCE SAID THESE CHANGES HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH EITHER FRENCH POLICY ON BERLIN OR ALLIED PRESSURES ON PARIS BUT ARE RELATED TO INTERNAL PROBLEMS. FRENCH MILITARY AND CIVIL ADMINISTRATION IS CHARGED WITH BEING SLOPPY AND NEGLIGENT. FRENCH APPARATUS WAS FUNCTIONING POORLY, AND THERE WAS NOT ENOUGH DISCIPLINE.
5. LACOMME'S REMOVAL WAS NOT RELATED TO THE ANTI-GAULLIST SYMPATHIES OF THE OFFICERS CORPS IN BERLIN OR THE NEW YEARS PARTY AT THE MAISON DE FRANCE WHERE THE OAS WAS ALLEGEDLY CHEERED.

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<p>XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX</p> <p>NOR WAS IT RELATED TO THE STRONGER POSITION OF DE CHALVRON, WHO APPARENTLY HAD THE BEST CONNECTIONS IN PARIS.</p> <p>6. THE AFFAIR TRANSPIRED AS FOLLOWS/ AROUND 10 JAN THE SURETE CHIEF IN BERLIN WAS GIVEN BY LACOMME AN ORDER FROM PARIS TO THE EFFECT THAT HE WAS TO BE RELIEVED OF HIS POSITION AS OF 22 JAN. LACOMME, WHO CONSIDERED THE CIVILIANS IN HIS ORGANIZATION A THORN IN HIS SIDE, WAS CONSIDERING ABOLISHING THE SURETE OFFICE AND ESTABLISHING ITS TWO DEPARTMENTS UNDER HIS OWN COMMAND. THE POLITICAL DEPARTMENT WOULD BE PLACED UNDER THE INCIDENT MINISTERS JURISDICTION. AS A RESULT, THE SURETE CHIEF AND OTHERS LAUNCHED A COUNTEROFFENSIVE WHICH RESULTED IN LACOMME'S REMOVAL.</p> <p>7. PREMIER DEBRE WAS CONCERNED OVER THE SITUATION IN BERLIN AND SENT SOME INDIVIDUALS CLOAKED IN THE HIGHEST AUTHORITY TO INVESTIGATE THE MATTER. THESE PEOPLE, WHO DID NOT KNOW THE SITUATION IN THE BERLIN GARRISON, WERE UNABLE TO CLARIFY THINGS, AND THEREFORE IT WAS DECIDED TO MAKE A COMPLETE CHANGE AT THE TOP LEVELS IN ORDER TO ESTABLISH CLEARER RELATIONSHIPS. ACCORDING TO RUMORS, ENTIRE AFFAIR WAS ALSO CONNECTED WITH THE EFFORTS OF SEVERAL LEADING FRENCH OFFICIALS TO ENRICH THEMSELVES.</p> <p>8. THIS ACTION HAS RESULTED IN COMPLETE CONFUSION IN THE FRENCH ADMINISTRATION FOR THE PAST TWO WEEKS. NO-ONE IS WILLING TO ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY SO EVEN THE MOST UNIMPORTANT MATTERS MUST BE RESOLVED IN PARIS.</p> <p>9. BOB/ ANY INFORMATION YOU HAVE TO CONFIRM OR CONTRADICT THIS REPORT WOULD BE APPRECIATED.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">[]</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Wesley - HM</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">[] []</p>		
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