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LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMISSION OF  
INVESTIGATION CONCERNING GREEK FRONTIER INCIDENTS  
ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL,  
DATED 21 AUGUST 1947, AND ATTACHED TELEGRAM FROM  
THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SUBSIDIARY GROUP

21 August 1947

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit, for the information of the members of the Security Council, a telegram received on August 21st 1947, from the Chairman of the Subsidiary Group, pertaining to the intended investigation of the alleged incidents on the Greco-Yugoslav border.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

(signed) A. Wendelen

Andre Wendelen  
Chairman of the Commission.

H.E. Mr. Faris el-Khouri,  
President of the Security Council,  
Lake Success.

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**COMMISSION OF INVESTIGATION CONCERNING GREEK FRONTIER INCIDENTS**

TELEGRAM FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SUBSIDIARY GROUP TO  
THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMISSION, RECEIVED 21 AUGUST 1947

Dispatched following cablegram to Foreign Minister Yugoslavia,  
20 August:

"Subsidiary Group of Commission of Investigation of Greek Frontier Incidents has decided to investigate two incidents brought to its attention by the Greek Government and alleged to have occurred in same general area of Yugoslav Greek frontier.

First incident is described as Skra incident of 3-8 April.

It is alleged

(a) that Greek guerillas under pressure from Greek Army crossed into Yugoslavia near height 1034, as well as through a point lying between heights 960 and 1510;

(b) that guerillas entered Yugoslavia unhindered though seen by Yugoslav frontier guards;

(c) that guerillas remained in Yugoslavia for four days during which time they were supplied by Yugoslav guards;

(d) that guerillas re-entered Greece with knowledge of Yugoslav frontier guards.

Second incident is described as Skra incident of 24 May. It is alleged

(a) that during mopping up operations by Greek Army against Greek guerillas on Skra mountain height 1097, guerillas were supported by machine gun and mortar fire from Yugoslav territory;

(b) that guerillas withdrew in small groups into Yugoslavia under pressure Greek Army;

(c) that Yugoslav frontier guards occupied frontier posts and observed entry of guerillas;

(d) that Greek Army troops were again fired at from positions in Yugoslav territory adjacent to Yugoslav frontier guards;

(e) that Greek guerillas were seen moving about freely in Yugoslav territory in company of Yugoslav soldiers.

Subsidiary Group considers that in order to assure both completeness  
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and impartiality of investigation of alleged incidents, it will be necessary for Subsidiary Group to extend its investigation to both sides of Greco-Yugoslav frontier. It invites the Yugoslav Government to present such evidence and to produce such witnesses as it may deem desirable in this connection Subsidiary Group further believes that co-operation between Yugoslav Government and Subsidiary Group would be greatly facilitated and decisions on itinerary and administrative arrangements simplified if Yugoslav Government would send qualified representative Salonika for consultation at earliest possible date, preferably not later than 27 August. Subsidiary Group will be ready to enter Yugoslavia by the route indicated by Yugoslav Government (preferably at frontier post Djevdjelja) as of 5 September. It invites comments on the following programme: (1) to cross frontier; (2) to make on the spot examination of terrain in Yugoslavia in following areas:

- (a) frontier area in vicinity of alleged crossings;
  - (b) vicinity of Konjsko;
  - (c) such other places or localities as Subsidiary Group may later in course of hearing evidence decide necessary for a complete investigation;
- (3) to interrogate such witnesses in connection with the two incidents as the Subsidiary Group may later desire to hear after study of preliminary evidence Yugoslav Government may desire to produce.

In event qualified representative of Yugoslav Government cannot arrive Salonika on or before 27 August, Subsidiary Group requests that Yugoslav Government forward its proposals regarding itinerary time-table and hearing in Yugoslavia to reach Subsidiary Group at Salonika before 28 August. Copies of all documentation submitted by Greek Government as well as list of Delegations, members of Secretariat, Press, Greek witnesses and other persons who will accompany Subsidiary Group will be forwarded by Subsidiary Group courier who will arrive at Frontier Post Djevdjelja 23 August.

Fernand Houssa

Chairman, Subsidiary Group."

#### POLISH RESERVATION

The Polish Delegation objected to the sending of this telegram, as it considers that in view of the previous answers of the Yugoslav Government the Subsidiary Group should ask the Main Commission for instructions and not send this telegram direct to the Yugoslav Government.

#### USSR RESERVATION

The USSR Delegation considers that the telegram should not be sent to the Yugoslav Government. The Main Commission should be asked for new instructions as the conditions of co-operation between the Yugoslav

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Government and the Subsidiary Group are not as envisaged when the original instructions were drafted. The form of the first part of the telegram is acceptable to the USSR Delegation but not the last three paragraphs. The Soviet Delegation considers that the Yugoslav Government must be placed on an equal footing with the other interested Governments and that it must enjoy the same rights of participating in the discussion of the plan of work of the Group before that plan is approved. That right is not taken into consideration and the telegram denies the Yugoslav Government that right. That is why the Soviet Delegation is obliged to make its most express reservations to the sending of this telegram in the way it is drafted now.

Fernand Houssa,  
Chairman, Subsidiary Group.

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