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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
27 AUGUST 1947, AND ATTACHED TELEGRAM FROM
THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SUBSIDIARY GROUP

27th August 1947.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit, for the
information of the Members of the Security Council,
a telegram received on 27th August 1947, from the
Chairman of the Subsidiary Group, concerning the
investigation of alleged frontier incidents on the
Greco-Yugoslav border.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

Andre Wendelen
Chairman of the Commission.

Mr. F. el-Khouri,
President of the Security Council,
Lake Success.

COMMISSION OF INVESTIGATION CONCERNING GREEK FRONTIER INCIDENTS

TELEGRAM FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SUBSIDIARY GROUP TO
THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMISSION RECEIVED

ON 27 AUGUST 1947

Subsidiary Group decided 26 August to transmit following to Balkan
Commission:

Report by Secretary to Subsidiary Group concerning courier mission to
Djevdjelja on 23 August. In accordance with decision taken by Subsidiary
Group a UN courier on 23 August proceeded to Yugoslav frontier post of
Djevdjelja, in order to deliver the documents relating to the two incidents
of Skra to an official on duty at that post in order to be forwarded to
Yugoslav Minister for foreign affairs. Courier reported as follows on his
mission:

"I approached Yugoslav frontier post of Djevdjelja on 23 August
at 1130 hours. I identified myself and explained to Yugoslav frontier
officer in charge that I had instructions from Subsidiary Group to
deliver documents which were to be forwarded to Yugoslav Minister for
Foreign Affairs. Frontier officer stated he had instructions not to
receive documents. In reply to my question whether I could personally
proceed to Belgrade in order to deliver the documents, he answered
that he would have to contact his superiors as I had no Yugoslav visa.
At 1230 hours, he informed me he had received instructions not to let
me cross the Yugoslav frontier, as I had no valid visa. I then asked
him whether I could obtain a written statement regarding his
instructions. After he had again consulted with his superiors, he
stated that he had no authority to issue such statement. Upon my
further questioning, he stated he did not have authority to confirm
in writing that I had approached the Yugoslav frontier post at
Djevdjelja on 23 August. Considering further attempts to deliver
documents to be futile, I left frontier post at 1445 hours. I
ascertained name of Yugoslav frontier officer to be Nikolaos Petrof,
Lieutenant."

Polish reservation follows:

"Polish Delegation has abstained from the sending of this report,
in view of the fact that it was opposed to establishment of direct
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contact with Yugoslav Government and had asked for instructions to be requested from main Commission and for that reason it cannot assume any responsibility for all that followed the procedure adopted by the majority of Subsidiary Group."

USSR reservation follows:

"USSR Delegation opposed sending this report wire considering it as continuation of tendency to give wrong impression on real relations between Subsidiary Group and Yugoslav Government. In its opinion, the report does not show clearly that officer's instructions referred to documents in general, not to those documents of Subsidiary Group. Furthermore, it cannot consider Yugoslav Government obliged to carry out orders of Subsidiary Group, which give date of arrival of courier to frontier but do not even ask if Yugoslav Government agrees to receive this courier."

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Chairman

Subsidiary Group

