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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 28 JULY 1947 AND ENCLOSED GENERAL REPORT
ON THE WORK OF THE SUBSIDIARY GROUP

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Sir,

I have the honour to transmit, for the information of the Members of the Security Council, a telegram received from the Subsidiary Group on July 25th 1947, containing an up-to-date general report of the work of the Subsidiary Group.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant.

/signed/ S. M. Kudriavtsev
S. M. KUDRIAVTSEV
Chairman of the Commission

Dr. Oscar Lange,
President of the Security Council,
Lake Success.

/COMMISSION

COMMISSION OF INVESTIGATION CONCERNING GREEK FRONTIER INCIDENTS

TELEGRAM FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SUBSIDIARY GROUP TO THE CHAIRMAN
OF THE COMMISSION RECEIVED 25 JULY 1947 CONTAINING AN UP-TO-DATE
GENERAL REPORT OF THE WORK OF THE SUBSIDIARY GROUP

1. Receipt is acknowledged of your telegram of 22 July requesting Subsidiary Group to cable general report on its work up-to-date. As introductory remarks Sub-Group wants to draw Commission's attention to fact that it has been prevented from making any investigation in territories of Albania and Yugoslavia and an investigation in Bulgaria except on conditions laid down by Bulgarian Government. Albanian, Bulgarian and Yugoslav Governments in one way or another as stated below have disregarded in Sub-Group's opinion authority vested in it by Security Council and Commission to perform its functions in northern Greece and in such places in other parts of Greece, Albania, Bulgaria and Yugoslavia as Sub-Group might decide necessary. Consequently Sub-Group has been unable to implement fully terms of reference adopted by Commission on instructions of Security Council although Sub-Group endeavoured throughout its work to promote and assure full co-operation by interested Governments.
2. From 20 May to 24 July 1947 Sub-Group held seventy-five meetings at Salonika, Damaskinon, Sidirokastron, Mikrovryssi, Koula, Mouries, Yannina, Lithari.
3. Team sent to Yannina by decision of Group (Soviet and Polish delegates dissenting) to collect information on alleged incident 13 July at Albanian border held eight meetings at Yannina from 14 to 16 July.
4. Group formally decided to investigate following alleged incidents brought to its attention by Greek Government:
 - (a) On Bulgarian border:
 - (i) Incident of Angistran Lipa of 15-18 April,
 - (ii) Incident of Kaynotopos of 17 April.
 - (b) On Yugoslav border:
 - (i) Incident of Kouka Palaion Thiethenes of 31 March - 1 April,
 - (ii) Incident of Beles of 21 April 1947,
 - (iii) Incident of Beles Prokhcma of 5-6 July.
 - (c) On Albanian border:
 - (i) Incident of Sarentapores Bania of 19 May,
 - (ii) Frontier incident of 11-13 July and related events.

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5. Greek Liaison brought to Group's attention on 21 June five alleged frontier incidents of Pentalofos, Therapio, Milia, Ekhinon and another alleged incident on the Greco-Albanian border between pyramids 18 and 19 in Epirus province stated to have occurred since 22 March and on 12 July five alleged incidents stated to have occurred along Bulgarian border from 7 June to 5 July. No action yet taken on these incidents because of other pressing work.
6. Angistron Lipa and Kapnotopos incidents. Preliminary report sent to Commission on 28 June, document S/AC.4/SG/58. Group unable to complete report since Bulgarian Government refused facilities requested by Group to bring Greek witnesses into Bulgarian territory to visit camp Berkovitsa and to visit such other places deemed indispensable in course of investigation. Group considered unacceptable such conditions stated by Bulgarian authorities on 11 June at frontier post Koula. Upon invitation of Commission Group contacted again Bulgarian Government seeking once more its full co-operation. Mr. Andreytchine sent as Bulgarian representative to Group came to Salonika. Group gave him detailed statement explaining reasons for Group's previous request, document S/AC.4/SG/59, sent airmail 14 July to Commission. Bulgarian Government answered 16 July it would not reconsider its previous refusal to allow Group to visit Berkovitsa and localities other than those located at spot where incidents occurred and also refused Group's bringing Greek witnesses into Bulgarian territory. Sub-Group has not yet discussed new Bulgarian refusal.
7. Kouka Palaion Thiesthes and Beles incidents. Documentation and verbatims sent to Commission. Report being drafted. Group prevented from completing investigation in Yugoslavia will be unable forward definitive report. In refusing access to its territory Yugoslav Government notified Group they had made their own investigation of alleged incidents and they had concluded no frontier incidents occurred at time and place alleged.
8. Beles Prokhoma incident. Group began investigation Greek side of frontier. Requested co-operation of Yugoslav Government by cable 16 July and sent Greek documentation by courier through frontier post Djerdjelja on 18 July. Documentation accepted at frontier post against signed receipt. No acknowledgment so far received from Belgrade of receipt of cable dated 16 July. Group expressed desire to enter into Yugoslavia on or after 28 July and to receive Yugoslav comments and proposals by 26 July.
9. Sarantaporo Lora incident. Investigation Greek side incident not complete. Group while complete investigation in Albania has not been in position to draft final report. Group did not even receive acknowledgement of receipt of its cable 5 July to Albania Government inviting co-operation
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and requesting facilities for completion of investigation in Albania. Albanian frontier post Kakavia refused to receive documentation proffered by Group's courier on 7-9 July.

10. Attack of 13 July on Greco-Albanian border between Merzani bridge and Proslion. Progress report sent 24 July by cable SCCOM 229 corrected 230 to Commission. Cable sent Tirana through Commission on 20 July inviting co-operation and requesting facilities for completion of investigation in Albania. Albanian Government has not yet acknowledged receipt. Albanian frontier post Kakavia refused 23 July to accept Greek documentation proffered by Group's courier (see cable SCCOM 231). Investigation of incident on Greek side terminated. Group leaving 25 July for Salonika. Summary of additional evidence heard on 24 and 25 July will be cabled to Commission soonest.

Reservations of U.S.S.R. delegation. Concerning paragraph 1, Soviet delegation opposes such conclusions for following reasons:

- (a) These conclusions are beyond the Sub-Group's competence,
- (b) Group in its relation with Bulgaria, Yugoslavia and Albania adopted position contrary to directives to ensure full co-operation (see telegram 27 June from Commission) in requiring unconditional compliance of these Governments to demands Sub-Group. This attitude basically responsible for ensuing situation. Concerning paragraphs 4 and 6 incidents on Bulgarian border. See reservation Soviet delegation in bi-weekly reports 1 and 3 and S/AC.4/SG/35/Rev.1, page 7. Concerning paragraphs 4, 7, 8, Kuka Palasion Triethnes incidents see same bi-weekly reports and telegram SCCOM 224. Concerning paragraph 4, frontier incidents of 11-13 July on Albanian border. Soviet delegate opposed to decision to investigate because no formal request made by Greek Government for such action. Concerning paragraph 10, Soviet delegation protests against inclusion of evidence heard in progress report not discussed or approved by Group, more so because evidence so arranged that general impression not corresponding to reality. Soviet delegation opposed procedure of investigation Greek charges of large scale invasion by detachments international brigade considering that decisions Group would result in false impressions.

Concerning paragraph 1, Polish delegation opposes inclusion paragraph 1 because report must inform Commission on work done and not on work not done. Concerning paragraphs 4 (a) and 6, see documents S/AC.4/SG.23/Rev.1, page 7, S/AC.4/SG/53/Appendix A, S/AC.4/SG/SR/PV/37, page 5 and S/AC.4/SG/69. Concerning paragraph 4 (b), paragraph 7 and 8, see S/AC.4/SG/69. Concerning paragraph 4 (c) (3) Polish delegation opposed sending of team before any serious documentation received from Greek

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Government. Considered letter Greek representative 13 July and sending team on basis this letter sensation hunting. Since Group rejected Polish proposal send telegram to Commission informing it that Group's team could not after three days investigation establish invasion Greek territory by so called international brigade. Polish delegation expressed protest against lack of good will on part of Group to redress world public opinion. Polish delegation opposes inclusion paragraph 5 because cable should report work done and not work not done. Concerning paragraph 10, telegram SCGOM 229 13 July corresponds neither to Group's decision nor to reality. Decision authorized chairman inform Commission on Group's work but not to send summary testimonies. If however testimonies mentioned discrepancies and Group's inability to establish so far presence international brigade on Greek territory should also have been mentioned.

Subsidiary Group.
