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ANNEX II.

PROCLAMATION NO. 2.

UNITED STATES ARMY
EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS.

Military Control of
Headquarters, Theater of Operations
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TO THE PEOPLE OF
and such other parts of as are now or may
hereafter be controlled by the Army of the United States and its
supporting forces.

The Army of the United States, supported by Allied forces, is in
control of the (state(s) (province(s))) above named and is advancing farther into
territory. The purpose of its control is

It is the policy of the Army of the United States, and
supporting Allied forces, not to make war upon you, the civilians inhabiting
the controlled territory; but, on the contrary, to maintain tranquillity and
order in that territory. As Commanding General of the Theater of Operations,
I have therefore established military control in the ((states) (provinces)) above
mentioned and will extend the same to other such territory. The establishment
and operation of military control, by preserving order, will benefit you. It
is therefore to your interest, as well as your duty, to cooperate and obey.

You must obey promptly and fully, in letter and in spirit, such orders
and ordinances as I, my successors as Commanding General of the European Theater
of Operations, and subordinate military authorities may issue from time to time.
In particular you must obey the directions of military policemen, who wear a blue
arm band bearing the letters "MP" and personnel on civil affairs duty, who wear
a purple arm band bearing the letters "CA". You must refrain from any act or
word of hostility or disrespect to the occupying forces.

(French) laws and regulations now in force will remain in force
except insofar as they are inconsistent with a state of war or with the rights
and safety of the controlling forces or as they may be changed by me or my
successors. The executive and judicial officers of your government and of its
((states) (provinces)), counties and cities will continue the performance of
their duties as usual, subject to supervision and direction by personnel under
command of the Army of the United States on civil affairs duty. The meetings
and functions of your (Congress) (parliament) and of the legislatures of your
(states) (provinces) are suspended. The officers and employees of the railroads,
steamboat lines, canals, bus and truck lines, street railways, electric light
and power plants and transmission lines, telephones, telegraphs, cables, radio
stations, waterworks, gas works, and other public utilities within the occupied
territory must continue in the performance of their duties.

You who obey the directions given in this Proclamation and in other
orders and ordinances have nothing to fear from the Army of the United States
and its supporting Allied forces and will be protected by them in your persons,
property, family rights, religion, and in the exercise of your occupations. You
who fail to render such obedience or who commit crimes or offences will be severely
punished.

It is your duty as well as to your interest to continue your usual
occupations, to open your churches and schools, and to resume so far as possible
the ways of peace.

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This Proclamation will be (accompanied)(followed) by ordinances setting out in detail what is required of you and what it is forbidden for you to do.

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Signature.

General, U.S. Army,
Commanding.

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(Reference paragraph 25 of covering memorandum - Appendix A to A.T.(E)/P(42)35.)

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