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The Holocaust in Ukraine - Transnistria

Translation: E04 Romanian Orders for the Massacre of Jewish Refugees in Odessa

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No. 563

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To General ~~Tataranu or Iacobici~~ Macici

As retribution, Marshal Antonescu orders

- 1) Execute all Jews from Bessarabia, now refugees in Odessa.
- 2) All persons subject to provisions of order no. 3161 (302 858) of October 23, 1941, still alive, as well as others that can be added to them will be locked in a building where explosives will be previously placed, which will be blown up. Do this on the day of burying the Romanian victims.
- 3) Destroy this order after reading it.

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Head of War Cabinet *Illegible signature*

Colonel Davidescu

4 - 563 of October 24, 1941

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CERTIFICATE

Telegram no. of.....
was received on....., hrs.
by (signature).....

This is Capitan Ivanescu. [*letters not making sense in Romanian*]

Please confirm receipt with the comment that the Capitan must burn all three tapes.

This is Capitan Ivanescu. Yes, I understood and I received telegram no. 563 with three tapes, which I will destroy by burning.

[*letters not making sense in Romanian*] I have the honor to salute you.

Capitan, the telegram is strictly secret. After decrypting, deliver it only to General Iacobici or, in his absence, to General Tataranu. No intermediaries.

General Iacobici and General Tataranu have left half an hour ago ~~to~~ for Tighina. I will resend this telegram to Gloria Tighina for delivering it to General Iacobici. After sending it I will destroy the encrypted text (all tapes) without decrypting them, following that the decrypting be made only [*letters not making sense in Romanian*] after [*letters not making sense in Romanian*].

Excuse me. Who is the highest ranking there? And how long will the Generals stay in Tighina?

The highest ranking here is Colonel Stanculescu, Deputy Chief of Staff. General Iacobici and General Taranu left to Bucharest and will spend the night in Tighina.

I will respond at once.

Capitan, please submit the telegram to whoever replaces General Tataranu. That person will decide what to do.

[*letters not making sense in Romanian*] Alright. Understood.

CERTIFICATE

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 was received on....., hrs.
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TELEGRAM

No.

Gorun to Vrancea

Submitted to..... date 24th 21:30 hrs. time.....
 Sent by..... A confirmationhrs. time.....

The encrypted telegram for General Macici was delivered at 21:00 hrs. [*letters and numbers not making sense in Romanian*]

For conformity

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V R A N C E A
to
O I T U Z

For General Tataranu

We are hereby sending you the encrypted telegram, which the Presidency of the Council of Ministers sent and which was encrypted and sent to General Macici in Odessa, for implementation.

DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF
Colonel Stanculescu

No. of October 24, 1941hrs.

NOTE

Please deliver this telegram to General Tataranu, who left Tighina going to Chisinau at 19:30 hrs.

Look for him at the Regional Government too.

translated by Sabina Manta