

United Nations

Nations Unies

UNRESTRICTED

**SECURITY
COUNCIL**

**CONSEIL
DE SECURITE**

S/367
5 June 1947

ORIGINAL: ENGLISH

CABLEGRAM FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SUBSIDIARY GROUP OF THE
COMMISSION OF INVESTIGATION CONCERNING GREEK FRONTIER
INCIDENTS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE
SECURITY COUNCIL, DATED 5 JUNE 1947

Salonika, Greece
5 June 1947

President, Security Council,

Sub-Commission Investigation Greek Frontier Incidents decided 5 June to send President Security Council copy of a telegram addressed 4 June by Chairman Sub-Commission to Main Commission Geneva. Text telegram reads as follows:

"Sub-Commission on 3 June at 1 p.m. reached Greek side of Greco-Bulgarian frontier on Mount Lipa to investigate alleged Angistron Lipa incident at request of Greek liaison representative. On basis documentation and witnesses presented by Greek Government, Sub-Commission considered that full investigation required entry into Bulgarian territory. Bulgarian NCO in charge frontier guards at this place informed of Sub-Commission's desire replied that he could not permit crossing of border since he had not received necessary instructions. Therefore Sub-Commission confined investigation of alleged incident to Greek side".

Following are texts of two telegrams sent by Sub-Commission to Bulgarian Government and text of Bulgarian Government reply to first telegram:

"Bulgarian Government, Sofia.

"Sub-Commission of Investigation concerning Frontier Incidents is now examining two incidents brought before it by Greek liaison

/representative.

representative. The first alleged incident known as Angistron (Tsingeli) Lipa incident concerns attack on 15 April 1947, at 7 p.m. by a force by 170 guerrillas against Greek frontier post at Krassanorion and a Greek platoon at Angistron. On 16 April, right flank of guerrillas abutting on frontier line. 40 guerrillas north of frontier line 200 metres on side Bulgarian territory are said to have fired at Greek troops. On 18 April, at 3:30 p.m. guerrillas seen running inside Bulgarian territory. Meeting between Greek Officer Bathrelos, chief of Passport Control and Bulgarian Captain Yigov Zifkov said to have taken place on 18 and 19 April 1947 concerning incident. The second alleged incident called the Kapnotopos (near Koula) incident concerns alleged evacuation under escort into Bulgarian territory of four wounded guerrillas Caloudis Dimitrios, alias Karaiskakis, Zambounidis Archontis, alias Eleftherotis, Stavros Nikolaos, alias Tsolias, fourth guerrilla known only by pseudonym Polychronis. All relevant documents submitted by Greek liaison representative are being forwarded immediately to Bulgarian Government by letter delivered at Bulgarian frontier post of Koula. Please authorize officer on duty at Bulgarian frontier to accept communication of Sub-Commission. In order to fully investigate these incidents, Sub-Commission urgently requests Bulgarian Government to grant it all facilities to cross Greco-Bulgarian frontier in that area, especially at following border points of Lipa, height 1501, and Koula. Sub-Commission will arrive on the spot Monday, 2 June. It invites Bulgarian Government to present any witnesses it may desire to be heard in connection with these incidents and requests Bulgarian Government to make available any witnesses the Sub-Commission would like to hear.

Commander Houssa, Chairman,
Sub-Commission."

/"Ex Sofia

"Ex Sofia 31 May, 11:20 p.m.
Commander Houssa, Chairman
Sub-Commission Investigation Greek Frontier Incidents
Salonika

In reply to telegram from Salonika addressed Government Popular Republic Bulgaria which reached us 29 May, evening and in reply contents your letter transmitted through Greco-Bulgarian frontier post Koula which reached us 30 May evening have been instructed by Bulgarian Government bring your knowledge the following:

Bulgarian Government is ready give Sub-Commission Investigation assistance requested but because of insufficient time, your telegram and letter having been scarcely received respectively 29 and 30 May evening, Bulgarian Government requests you kindly to postpone date fixed for arrival Sub-Commission at least 10 days. In order to grant indispensable assistance which is necessary in this case, Bulgarian Government considers that it must know accurate composition of Sub-Commission Investigation notably represented countries and names of respective delegates. Far as frontier points to be crossed by Sub-Commission, Bulgarian Government believe it can express opinion that frontier point Koula would meet all needs, in this case 680. Kimon Gueorgueff, Vice President, Council Minister Foreign Affairs."

"Kimon Gueorgueff, Vice President Council
Minister Foreign Affairs
Sofia.

In reply your telegram 31 May, note with satisfaction Bulgarian Government ready give Sub-Commission assistance concerning investigation of alleged incidents Angliston Lipa Kapnotopos. Because of plans and arrangements prior to your telegram, Sub-Commission must leave 2 June. Will confine itself hearing witnesses presented by Greek authorities. Necessities may arise for Sub-Commission to cross Greco-Bulgarian frontier during study of Greek Government allegations. Please give frontier post Koula 680 and Lipa instructions to allow crossing border
/and grant

and grant Sub-Commission all facilities moving. We regret Bulgarian Government cannot assemble evidence before 10 days. Sub-Commission will go back on the spot Wednesday, 11 June, to hear your witnesses and those indicated our letter 29 May. List of delegates and secretariat communicated by letter.

Nogueira Porto, Chairman
Sub-Commission."

This message delivered 2 June, 12:45 p.m. by Principal Secretary to Bulgarian Officer at Koula frontier post against protocol receipt. Bulgarian Officer stated message would be telephoned Sofia and that reply could be expected same day. At 8 p.m., 4 June, no reply had been received.

Nogueira Porto
Chairman, Sub-Commission.

