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To the GENERAL , Commanding the ALLIED FORCES IN NORTH AFRICA

SIR ,

Mandated by my comrades , imprisoned in the Concentration Camp of DJELFA , I have the honour to bring to your knowledge the following statement :

We are about 800 veterans of the Spanish Republican Army who would wish to fight in the ranks of the Allies in order to help the exterminate our common enemy .

We do not want to enlist in the French Army , the commandment of which is the very one that , for four long years , has humiliated, starved and tortured us .

Moreover we cannot trust a commandment that gave the signal to Franco - German " collaboration " after the Armistice .

The viewpoint that I am here exposing is also shared by thousands of Spaniards imprisoned in the numberless camps of North Africa , by all the veterans who had volunteered in the French Army in 1939 and who are now imprisoned in the SOUTH PROVINCE of ORAN , as well as by all Anti - Fascist Aliens who are STILL enduring vexations from the French Authorities .

You may remain assured that none of the persons I have just alluded to , will ever fight in the ranks of the present French army , but that their aspirations would be realized if they might be allowed to fight under your orders .

You may have under your orders thousands of picked and experimented troops who will fight fiercely for liberty .

Not to accept them , would mean to lose them for the sacred cause of the Allied Nations .

"If it was your desire , I should be at your entire disposal to expose to you , personally , the aspirations of my comrades .

You may remain assured , SIR , of my faithful attachment to the cause of the Allies .

Alger le 5.12.42

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