

# Long French dispute with Wikipedia appears to end

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A long-running feud between French intelligence services and Wikipedia over an entry on "classified" information appears to be over after France's efforts to obscure details about a military installation backfired, instead turning it into an unexpected hit.

In June 2010, French intelligence services learned about the entry detailing a military installation in southern France that, according to the site, could be part of the chain of command for nuclear weapons orders. France's efforts to get the entry pulled—including interrogating the head of French Wikimedia twice—backfired. In April, the entry topped the French site's popularity ratings.

On Tuesday, Interior Minister Manuel Valls quietly released a statement on a parliamentary website saying there would be a government working group on the issue and praising Wikipedia's "lovely project."

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