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**Correspondance générale de Napoléon Bonaparte
Publication of volume VII:
« Tilsit. L'apogée de l'Empire » (Tilsit, the zenith of the Empire)**

The seventh volume of the *Correspondance générale de Napoléon* published for the Fondation Napoléon by Editions Fayard went on sale on 17 November, 2010.

This seventh volume, “Tilsit, the zenith of the Empire”, covers the year of 1807 and includes 3,020 fully annotated letters (an increase in excess of 37% on the edition published during the Second Empire), two essays, nine maps, a detailed timeline and three indices..

It follows volumes 1: «Les apprentissages. 1784-1797», 2: «La campagne d’Egypte et l’avènement. 1798-1799», 3: «Pacifications. 1800-1802», 4: «Ruptures et fondation. 1803-1804», 5: « Boulogne – Trafalgar – Austerlitz. 1805 », and 6 : « Vers le grand Empire. 1806 », all published by Editions Fayard.

This project to publish Napoleon’s correspondence has been spearheaded by the Fondation since 2001 and is supported by the Archives de France, the Service historique de la défense, the Fondation La Poste and the Centre national du Livre. The project committee is headed by Victor-André Masséna, President of the Fondation Napoléon, and the project itself has mobilised some of the best specialists in Napoleonic history (namely, Jean Tulard, Jean-Claude Casanova, Jacques-Olivier Boudon, Thierry Lentz, Jacques Jourquin, André Palluel, Michel Kerautret, etc.), many of the world’s principal archival institutions, not to mention nearly two hundred volunteers, all keen connoisseurs of the history of the Revolution and the Empire.

Since 2004, seven volumes have been published by Editions Fayard, representing 16,942 letters, dated from 1784 to 1807, more than 40% of which were not included in the Correspondence published during the Second Empire and 33% of which can be considered as never before published.

Fourteen volumes are planned by Editions Fayard, the last appearing in 2017. In total, 41,000 letters by Napoleon (more than a third of which never before seen) will be published.

Napoléon Bonaparte, *Correspondance générale. VII. Tilsit. L'apogée de l'Empire (1807)*, preface by Victor-André Masséna, Prince d'Essling, President of the Fondation Napoléon. Volume edited by Michel Kerautret and Gabriel Madec, assisted by François Houdecek, Marie Baudouin, Irène Delage. Editions Fayard, 2010, 1,600 pages, 54.90 euros (RRP).

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