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**Correspondance générale de Napoléon Bonaparte
Publication of volume IV : « Ruptures et fondation. 1803-1804 »**

The fourth volume of the *Correspondance générale de Napoléon* published for the Fondation Napoléon by Editions Fayard will be on sale from 3 September, 2007.

This volume bears the subtitle «Ruptures et fondation» (Breaking with the past and laying the foundations of the future), covers the period from 1 January, 1803, to 31 December, 1804. It contains 2,077 annotated letters, two essays, five maps, a detailed timeline and three indices.

It follows volume 1: «Les apprentissages. 1784-1797», volume 2: «La campagne d’Egypte et l’avènement. 1798-1799», and volume 3: «Pacifications. 1800-1802», 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 and the Fondation La Poste. 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.

Thirteen volumes are planned by Editions Fayard, the last appearing in 2012. In total, 36 000 letters by Napoleon (more than a third of which never before seen) will be published.

Napoléon Bonaparte, *Correspondance générale. IV. Ruptures et fondation (1803-1804)*, preface by Thierry Lentz, volume edited by François Houdecek with Gabriel Madec, assisted by Irène Delage, Elodie Lerner as well as Patrick Le Carvèse and Michelle Masson, Fayard, 1188 pages, 52 euros.

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