## Treasury Department FOREIGN FUNDS CONTROL August 23, 1944

PUBLIC INTERPRETATION No. 17
UNDER EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 8389, AS AMENDED, EXECUTIVE
ORDER NO. 9193, SECTION 3(a) AND 5(b) OF THE TRADING WITH
THE ENEMY ACT, AS AMENDED BY THE FIRST WAR POWERS
ACT, 1941, RELATING TO FOREIGN FUNDS CONTROL

Subject: Status of members of the armed forces of the United States and United States citizens accompanying such armed forces while in enemy territory.

Inquiry has been made as to whether members of the armed forces of the United States or citizens of the United States accompanying such armed forces in the course of their employment by the Government of the United States or by any organization acting on its behalf are enemy nationals if they are within enemy territory.

The Treasury Department has replied in the negative. The fact that such persons are within enemy territory does not make them enemy nationals, and they are not to be regarded as enemy nationals even though captured or reported missing. Accordingly, a waiver of General Ruling No. 11 is not required to act upon instructions received from such persons.

The Treasury Department also has ruled that accounts of members of the armed forces of the United States and of citizens of the United States accompanying such armed forces in the course of their employment by the Government of the United States or by any organization acting on its behalf may be operated under General License No. 37. This general license is applicable to the accounts of such persons, regardless of their presence within enemy territory and even though they are captured or reported missing.

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