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Restrictions on commercial and business communication with liberated France imposed by reason of the German occupation were lifted today by the Treasury Department.

Treasury licenses no longer are required for concerns in the United States and liberated France to exchange financial and commercial information and establish business contacts. Creditors may get in touch with their debtors in France. Banks, brokerage houses, and other financial institutions may advise their customers and depositors in France of the status of their accounts. Bank statements, financial records, and commercial reports may freely be furnished. Wills, legal notices, and birth, death, and marriage certificates may be transmitted. Proxies may be solicited and signature cards may be obtained. Correspondent relations between banks in the United States and banks in France may be established.

In addition, support remittances may be sent to France under General Licenses Nos. 32 and 33 as soon as banks in this country are able to make the necessary arrangements with French banks. These general licenses permit a maximum of \$500 per month to be sent to individuals in France through banking channels. Currency, money orders, checks or drafts cannot be used for this purpose since their transmission continues to be prohibited.

With the exception of instructions relating to support remittances, business communications between the United States and France will be restricted for the time being to the ascertainment of facts and the exchange of information. Accordingly Treasury licenses will not be granted for the present for the sending to France of powers of attorney, executed proxies, payment instructions and other communications which are transactional in nature. It is understood that similar restrictions will remain in effect in France and the United Kingdom.

Today's action by the Treasury was in the form of an amendment to General Ruling No. 11 removing the liberated areas of France from the category of "enemy territory". French areas still under the control of the enemy will continue to be "enemy territory" and will remain subject to the restrictions contained in the General Ruling.

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