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The Treasury and War Departments today announced that support remittances may now be sent to the recently liberated Italian provinces of Viterbo, Terni, Teramo, Rieti, Pescara, Macerata, Grosseto, Chieti, Aquila, and Ascoli-Piceno. Remittances of this type have previously been authorized for other liberated provinces of Italy as well as Sicily and Sardinia.

The amount which may be remitted and the procedures to be followed are prescribed in General License No. 32A as amended today by the Treasury. Under this General License a maximum of \$500 per month may be sent to any person in the designated provinces for his support and that of his family. Existing procedures have not been changed by today's amendment and the restrictions against withdrawals from blocked accounts are still effective. Remittances to the areas added by today's amendment will be channeled through the Bank of Italy. Persons desiring to effect remittances to any area in the liberated portions of Italy should consult their local banks.

The Treasury has been advised that the Bank of Italy is establishing correspondent relationship with certain banks in Baltimore, Boston, Chicago, Cleveland, Detroit, Milwaukee, Newark, New Haven, New Orleans, New York, Pittsburgh, Providence, San Francisco, St. Louis, and Washington. The correspondent banks will forward payment instructions to the Bank of Italy, and the Bank of Italy will make payments in lire to the beneficiaries.

Treasury officials again emphasized the fact that the regulations do not authorize the sending of checks, drafts, securities, or currency to Italy.