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The blackout on commercial and business communications with Finland, Poland and other Baltic areas which are no longer under German domination, was lifted today by the Treasury Department. This action coincided with the restoration of postal service with these areas; however, telecommunications with these areas are not permitted at this time. Treasury licenses will still be required to send to these areas communications constituting or containing instructions or authorizations to effect financial or property transactions.

Today's action took the form of an amendment to General Ruling No. 11, removing the liberated areas concerned from the category of "enemy territory." German territories and other 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. Treasury officials stated that the resumption of communications with other recently liberated areas is now under consideration and that further announcements will be made later.

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