## TREASURY DEPARTMENT Washington

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The restrictions imposed by General Ruling No. 11 on commercial and business communication with Luxembourg were lifted today by the Treasury Department. This action coincided with the restoration of postal service with Luxembourg; however, telecommunications are not yet available.

Treasury licenses no longer are required for concerns in the United States and Luxembourg to exchange financial and commercial information and to establish business contacts. Banks, brokerage houses, and other financial institutions may advise their customers of the status of their accounts, and bank statements, financial records, and commercial reports may freely be solicited or furnished. Proxies may be solicited and signature cards obtained.

Communications to Luxembourg which constitute or contain authorizations or instructions to effect financial and property transactions will continue to require Treasury license. Treasury officials called attention to General License No. 89, which authorizes the transmission of powers of attorney relating to estate proceedings and the maintenance, preservation, and management of real estate and tangible personal property.

As soon as the necessary banking arrangements can be made, support remittances up to \$500 per month may be sent to individuals in Luxembourg under General Licenses Nos. 32 and 33. The remittances must be effected through banking channels, and currency, money orders, checks or drafts cannot be used for this purpose since their transmission continues to be prohibited.

The Treasury Department is prepared, in appropriate cases, to license withdrawals from blocked accounts in this country of Luxembourg nationals to pay claims against persons in Luxembourg. In general an application should be supported by a payment instruction or other acknowledgment by the debtor executed after April 10, 1945. If an application is based on a court judgment, evidence should be submitted that the debtor has received actual notice of the proceedings and has had a reasonable opportunity to appear.

Today's action by the Treasury was in the form of an amendment to General Ruling No. 11 removing Luxembourg from the category of "enemy territory". This action does not affect the status of Luxembourg assets in the United States.