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**OUTGOING MESSAGE**

**U R G E N T**

TO : GENERAL MCCLURE, PWD, INVERESK HOUSE, LONDON  
FROM : SNAEF FORWARD, FROM HOLMES, SIGNED EISENHOWER  
REF NO : FWD 13661

Reference telephone conversation between HOLMES and MCCLURE this date concerning the Supreme Commander's message to people of Northwest EUROPE, the following is text of message:

"To the peoples of North-Western EUROPE.

"I bring to you a message from General DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER, Supreme Commander of the Allied Expeditionary Forces who, because of the demands of battle is unable to address you in person. He sends you the following message:"

"When last I broadcast to you it was at the outset of the campaign for the liberation of EUROPE. I spoke then primarily to the gallant people of FRANCE and promised that I should broadcast again from time to time as the situation demanded it. Today I address myself to the peoples of the Kingdom of BELGIUM and of the Grand Duchy of LUXEMBOURG, to say that the day of your liberation has begun and your long period of hardship and trial under the heel of Nazi domination will soon be ended. It is certain that you will bear bravely the hardships of war which are inevitable during a battle of pursuit such as even now is being waged upon your soil. The first task of the Allied Armies is to harry and destroy the retreating enemy. This purpose will be pursued rigorously so that the day of our final success may come sooner. Armed forces of BELGIUM and LUXEMBOURG form a part of the Allied Expeditionary Force and are fighting bravely for the freedom of their homelands. Those of you within these homelands can also serve in the battle. I know that you can be relied on to aid that task whenever the opportunity occurs. Be assured that it is our purpose to do everything to restore peace and normal conditions throughout BELGIUM and LUXEMBOURG at the earliest opportunity so that their valiant peoples, once again masters of their own destiny, may live as free men in the family of free nations."

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## P R O C L A M A T I O N

### LUXEMBOURGERS:

For long years you have suffered bravely Nazi tyranny and oppression. During all that time you behaved as brave patriots and by your stubborn resistance you did everything to help us defeat the Nazis. At the end of the war 1914-1918 you welcomed wholeheartedly Allied troops as liberators from German oppression. Once again at this moment forces of the United Nations, under my command, have arrived, in full unity and agreement with the Grand Ducal Government, to liberate your country. When your freedom is finally secured through complete victory over our common enemy, my forces will be withdrawn.

#### I.

Meanwhile, in fulfillment of my responsibilities as Supreme Commander, Allied Expeditionary Force, it is necessary that my authority be supreme, both for your own protection and for the successful prosecution of military operations. It follows that you must obey orders which the demands of military necessity may require me to issue.

#### II.

The Grand Ducal Government knowing your needs will resume as rapidly as possible responsibilities for the administration of your country. Allied Forces under my command consider it a privilege to assist the Grand Ducal Government in the restoration of your country to a position of honour and freedom among the nations. In accomplishing such assistance should it be necessary to take measures for the maintenance of law and order and to provide Luxembourg courts for the trial of offenders, you must cooperate in observing such measures, all of which will be designed to secure your safety and that of the Forces under my command. All administrative, legislative and judicial services and duties will be performed by the Grand Ducal Government immediately, so far as it is able, and completely at the earliest possible moment.

#### III.

The day of liberation has come, and once again law, order and justice reign in accord with your glorious traditions. You shall, therefore, observe in all details the orders of your Government and myself, maintain peace and order among yourselves and assist in every way the crushing of Nazi tyranny.

#### IV.

I rely upon you, however, to bear with patience the inevitable hardships which for a time longer is the price to be paid for liberty. My Forces must first consider the war supplies essential to our common cause but will, subject to this essential need, exert every effort to bring you other assistance you need so sorely.

Luxembourgers, the United Nations salute you!

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*Dwight D. Eisenhower*  
DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER,  
General,  
Supreme Commander,  
Allied Expeditionary Force.

