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SUBJECT: Funds

TO: All Personnel

The following is extracted from Circular #47, Headquarters, NTCOM, dated 5 April 1944, for the information and guidance of all concerned.

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Authority to transmit funds by United States personnel from this theater is given under the following conditions:

1. By cable and/or by letter of credit, by individuals in North Africa, provided the rank of sender, designation of unit, and APO number, are not given, through banks in French North Africa designated by the French Authorities as accredited banks. In general, this includes all banks in French North Africa except B.N.C.I. and Banque Norms. There is a charge by the banks for this service.

2. By United States Treasury check, provided the check is drawn under the provisions of Army Regulations, and the indorsement thereon does not disclose any military information of value to the enemy.

3. By United States Postal Money Order. These money orders must carry no more than the signature of the individual or the custodian and the APO number.

4. By Personal Transfer Account Plan. (See Circular Number 17, this headquarters, cs.)

II --- TRANSFER OF FUNDS TO UNITED KINGDOM

U. S. personnel who transfer funds to the United Kingdom will sign a certificate that the funds transferred were derived from their pay and allowances. This certificate will be handed to the remitting banker or party.

III - CURRENCY CONTROL

1. All members of the U.S. armed forces, and persons serving with such forces, including civilians and merchant seamen, excepting duly authorized U.S. Army Disbursing Officers as provided in paragraph 2 below, are forbidden to possess regular U.S. currency as distinguished from yellow seal U.S. currency, or regular British sterling currency, as distinguished from British Military Authority currency, in this theater, or dispose thereof, otherwise than by exchange, as provided in paragraph 2 below.

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2. a. All personnel now assigned to permanent duty in this theater will exchange at the nearest Finance Office all regular U.S. currency in their possession in excess of \$1.00 for all regular British sterling currency for local currency within fifteen (15) days from the date of this circular. (20 Apr 44)

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b. Personnel described in paragraph 1 above, entering this theater under orders assigning them to permanent duty will exchange at the nearest Finance Office, within seven (7) days after entry, all regular U.S. currency in excess of \$1.00 and all regular British sterling currency for local currency.

c. Personnel described in paragraph 1 above, except merchant seamen, entering the theater on temporary duty will exchange at the nearest Finance Office, within twenty-four (24) hours after entry, all regular U.S. currency in excess of \$1.00 and all regular British sterling currency for local currency. If the period of temporary duty within the theater is of such short duration as to make exchange impracticable, such personnel will declare at the nearest Finance Office the total amount of regular U.S. currency and/or regular British sterling currency in their possession, and obtain from the Finance Officer a certificate stating the amount held. This certificate will be authority for such personnel to have in their possession the amount of regular U.S. currency and/or regular British sterling currency for which issued.

f. Local currency is defined as follows:

(1) In North Africa. Banque de l'Algérie currency, Banque de l'Afrique Occidentale currency, and Bank of France currency of five (5), ten (10), and twenty (20) franc denominations.

(2) In Italy, Sicily, and Sardinia. Allied Military Financial Agency Lire currency, and such Metropolitan Lire currency as may be authorized from time to time by Allied Military Financial Agency.

(3) In Corsica. Bank of France currency of five (5), ten (10), twenty (20), fifty (50), and one hundred (100) franc denominations, and Banque de l'Algérie currency overprinted "TRESCOR". (See paragraphs 10 and 11 below.)

3. It will hereafter be the duty of the Commanding General, SOG, MATOUL, to take such action as may be necessary to ascertain that no person upon arrival within the territorial limits of the Communications Zone, MATOUL, by land, sea, or air, has in his possession regular U.S. currency in excess of \$1.00 or regular British sterling currency, and will, where such money is found in the possession of any such person, cause it to be exchanged for the currency described in paragraph 2f, above. Ports of embarkation in the U.S. and British Isles have been requested to instruct commanding officers of troops aboard transports have organization commanders collect all money from men in their commands, prior to embarkation in this theater, to be exchanged by said organization commanders at the Finance Office. This practice will facilitate the exchange of money. The Commanding General, SOG, MATOUL, will provide necessary Finance Service for currency exchange, and these conditions warrant, Class "A" or Class "B" agents will be used.

4. The following requirements will be strictly adhered to in the exchange

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3. It will hereafter be the duty of the Commanding General, 303, MATOUE, to take such action as may be necessary to ascertain that no person upon arrival within the territorial limits of the Communications Zone, MATOUE, by land, sea, or air, has in his possession regular U.S. currency in excess of \$1.00 or regular British sterling currency, and will, where such money is found in the possession of any such person, cause it to be exchanged for the currency described in paragraph 2f, above. Ports of Embarkation in the U.S. and British Isles have been requested to instruct commanding officers of troops aboard transports to have organization commanders collect all money from men in their commands, prior to debarkation in this theater, to be exchanged by said organization commanders at the Finance Office. This practice will facilitate the exchange of money. The Commanding General, 303, MATOUE, will provide necessary Finance Service for currency exchange, and where conditions warrant, Class "A" or Class "B" Agents will be used.

4. The following requirements will be strictly adhered to in the exchange of regular U.S. currency and regular British sterling currency into local currency:

- a. Individual officers will sign the certificate outlined below.
- b. Unit commanders, or commissioned officers acting for unit commanders, must make bulk exchange for personnel of their units.

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c. Currency presented for exchange must be accompanied by a certificate signed by the unit commander reading as follows:

I CERTIFY that the regular currency listed below was to the best of my knowledge and belief legitimately brought into the North African Theater of Operations, U.S. Army, by personnel under my jurisdiction.

Regular United States currency, total value \$

Regular British Sterling currency, total value \$

Name	Rank	Organization
Commanding		

Unit

5. Prior to departure of troops from this theater, all their local currency and yellow seal U.S. currency will be exchanged for regular U.S. currency. If the value is so large that sufficient regular U.S. currency is not available, the Commanding Officer, Port of Debarkation at destination, will be notified so that exchange may be made there.

6. Personnel returning to the United States will be instructed to call at the Finance Office at Port of Embarkation, prior to departure, and exchange all local currency or yellow seal U.S. currency for regular U.S. currency. Finance Officers making such exchanges will furnish each individual a certificate in the following form:

I CERTIFY that I have this date paid to _____, who is departing this theater for the United States, per paragraph _____, SC _____, Headquarters _____, the sum of \$ _____ in regular U.S. currency, which represents exchange for local currency or yellow seal U.S. currency.

Name and Rank
Finance Officer

8. No regular U.S. currency will be accepted by Finance Officers from local civilian sources. Regular U.S. currency will only be accepted from U.S. civilian personnel and military personnel who can clearly establish the source from which they received it, such as newly arrived personnel. In doubtful cases, Finance Officers should take such steps as they deem necessary to protect their own interests, and the interest of the United States. Postal Officers, Sales Officers, and Army Exchange Service installations will not accept regular U.S. currency from any source.

9. Yellow seal U.S. currency and U.S. coin will not be used except when authorization for its use is obtained from this headquarters.

10. Circulation of lire currency both in Italy and Liro normally issued by occupied countries, will be restricted to the occupied countries. In exceptional cases where such currency is unavoidably carried out of the area in which it is issued, it will be exchanged at the _____.

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Commanding		
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10. Circulation of Lira currency both in _____ and Lira normally issued by occupied countries, will be restricted to the occupied countries. In exceptional cases where such currency is unavoidably carried out of the area in which it is issued, it will be exchanged at the port of entry only, and will be accompanied by a certificate setting forth the source of such currency and reason for possession outside the Lira area. It will be the responsibility of the Commanding General, 203, M.F.A.L., to provide necessary exchange service to prevent Lira currency leaving the area in which it was issued.

RESTRICTED**IV -- PAYING AND ENDORSING CHECKS PAYABLE IN THE UNITED STATES OR THE UNITED KINGDOM**

1. Hereafter United States personnel referred to in paragraph 1, Section III hereof, are prohibited from making or indorsing any check, draft, bill of exchange, promissory note or other negotiable instrument or paper drawn on any banking, financial or other institution concerned in any way with financial transactions in the United States or United Kingdom.

2. a. This prohibition shall not apply to:

(1) Checks, money orders or letters of credit indorsed and cashed in accordance with the provisions of Section I, of this circular.

(2) Personal checks drawn against an account within the United States by the personnel referred to in paragraph 1, Section III of this circular in favor of a payee within the United States and sent to the United States through the APO or other official channels.

b. None of these exceptions shall be deemed to authorize any transaction by or on behalf of or pursuant to the direction of a national of a country whose accounts are blocked pursuant to Executive Order of the President of the United States, or involving property in which such a national has or may have an interest. 'Nationals' as used herein shall not refer to United States personnel named in paragraph 1, Section III of this circular.

c. Exceptional cases will be referred to this Headquarters for action.

V -- CASHING OF TRAVELERS CHECKS AND AMERICAN EXPRESS MONEY ORDERS

1. U.S. Army disbursing officers outside the continental United States are authorized to cash, for military, naval and properly identified civilian personnel of the United States, travelers checks issued by the following institutions:

- a. The American Express Company.
- b. Bank of American National Trust and Savings Association
- c. Mellon National Bank of Pittsburgh
- d. National City Bank of New York
- e. Money Orders issued by the American Express Company

By Command of Lieut General NELSON MACFARLANE:

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