

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETINGS:

I, the undersigned, Secretary of State of the United States of America, hereby inform all whom it may concern that the Governments of Belgium, Brazil, the British Commonwealth of Nations, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, the Dominican Republic, the Provisional Government of the French Republic, Greece, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Mexico, the Netherlands, Nicaragua, Norway, Panama, Poland, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, and Yugoslavia, as well as the Government of Germany speaking for itself and Governments allied with it have conveyed to the Government of the United States of America their assurances of safe conduct for the Swedish motor vessel Gripsholm for the purpose of effecting an exchange between the United States of America and the British Commonwealth of Nations on the one hand and Germany on the other of civilian internees, seriously sick and wounded prisoners of war and for the transmission of prisoner-of-war mail and relief supplies destined for prisoners of war and civilian internees. The Gripsholm will for this purpose proceed from New York, New York, United States of America, to Marseille, France, over the following course which was made known and agreed upon by each of the Governments granting safe conduct:

(1) New York to Gibraltar through
(j) 38-00 N 65-00 W
(k) 34-00 N 61-00 W
(l) 34-00 N 39-00 W
(m) 35-50 N 06-00 W
and thence to Gibraltar.

(2) Gibraltar to Marseille through
(a) 36-35 N 02-08 W
(b) 37-35 N 00-28 W
(c) 41-45 N 03-24 E
(d) 42-50 N 05-16 E
(e) 43-00 N 05-16 E

Gripsholm will be met at position (e)
and escorted into harbor.

Departure from New York will be on or about January 6, 1945 and arrival at Marseille will be on or about January 18, 1945, depending upon weather. Return voyage of the Gripsholm from Marseille to New York will be by way of the reverse of the outward route. However, in the event that it is necessary for the Gripsholm to make a shuttle trip from Marseille to Algiers in order to remove from Marseille those repatriates in excess of the passenger capacity of the exchange vessel, the following course which was made known to and agreed upon by each of the Governments concerned will be used by the Gripsholm:

1. From Marseille to Algiers through

(A)	43-00 N	05-16 E
(B)	40-00 N	04-35 E

thence to Algiers.

2. From Algiers to Marseille reverse

of outward route to (A) where ship will be met and led into harbor.

It is expected that the Gripsholm will remain at Marseille for about one week after the arrival of the last group of repatriates from Germany in order to meet the requirements of allocating and berthing repatriates aboard the exchange vessel.

In behalf of the Government of the United States of America, I do hereby grant safe conduct to the vessel.

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Given under my hand and seal of the Department
of State of the United States of America at Washington,
this fourth day of January
the year of Our Lord,
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the Independence of
the United States of
America, the One Hun-
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