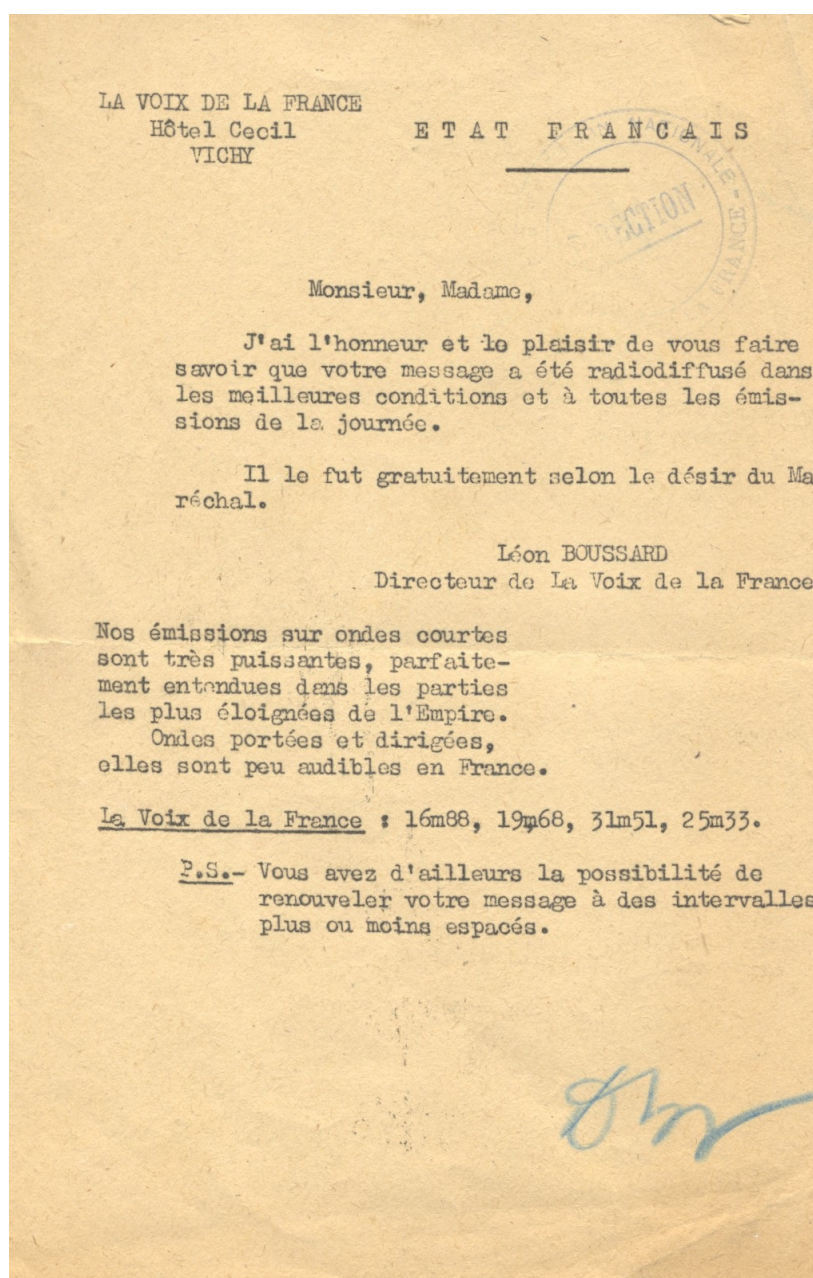


The Voice of France

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For four years during World War II, starting on August 17, 1941, the French puppet government of Marshal Philippe Pétain established a shortwave service known as the Voice of France, or La Voix de la France, in order to reach outlying parts of the French Empire and encourage them to stick with the collaborationists and not defect to the Free French. The story is told at the "[Radio at the Time of the TSF](#)" website. As explained there in the English translation, the station offered listeners the opportunity to send messages to friends, relatives, POWs, etc. throughout the Empire. Below is an undated form letter that appears to be a notice from the station to the author of a message that it had sent the message out over the air. (The "Maréchal" referred to is presumably Marshal Pétain.) On the next page is an online English translation, together with a luggage tag of unknown vintage showing the Hôtel Cecil, where the station was located.



The Voice of France
Hotel Cecil
Vichy

FRENCH STATE

Sir, Madam:

I have the honor and pleasure of informing you that your message was broadcast under the best conditions and on all the programs of the day.

It was broadcast free of charge according to the wishes of the Marshal.

Léon BOUSSARD
Director of the Voice of France

Our shortwave broadcasts are very powerful, perfectly heard in the most remote parts of the Empire. Waves carried and directed, they are not very audible in France.

The Voice of France: 16.88 meters, 19.68 m., 31.51 m., 25.33 m. [17775, 15245, 9520, 11845 kHz.]

P.S. You have the possibility of renewing your message at more or less spaced intervals.

