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The Secret Cooperation between Associated Press (AP) and Nazi Germany 1942–1945

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New archival evidence revealed in 2017 the existence of a secret German-American collaboration between Associated Press (AP) and the “Bureau Laux”, an agency of the SS and the German Foreign Office, during the war years 1942 to 1945. With the permission of the Roosevelt administration, AP and the Bureau Laux exchanged approximately 40,000 photographs by diplomatic pouch via Lisbon and Stockholm on a daily basis until spring 1945. In Berlin, the AP photos were presented to Hitler and the highest Nazi leadership every day. They were then used by the German press for anti-American and anti-Semitic propaganda. Conversely, thousands of Nazi photos received by AP New York were printed in the American, British and international press. This presentation sheds light on what was probably the only channel of communication used every day between the war enemies during the Second World War.

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