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ITAL GOV'T, TRANSPORTATION
JULY 1944 - JAN. 1946

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Translation

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C.A. Sec
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FEB 1945
Rome, 25 January 1945

Dear Admiral,

I greatly appreciated the information you sent me in your letter dated January 8th, about the situation in the Bolzano Province and the opinion expressed on such a matter by Brigadier Dunlop.

I am happy to confirm that the Italian Government, faithful to the traditions of democratic Italy, tending to respect the rights and claims of the minorities, has no intention whatever of expelling such German speaking citizens as remained there permanently even if they voted for German citizenship.

I already made such a statement in the name of the Government in the speech which I held at the Consulta Nazionale on January the 1st, and in which I solemnly stated that we would expel no person in good faith on this side of the Brenner nor would we compel such people to wander beyond it.

Believe me, my dear Admiral,

Sincerely yours,

s. DE GASPERI

Admiral Wilfred W. STONE,
Chief Commissioner,
Allied Commission

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Action - C.A. Sec
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30 GEN. 1946

Roma, 25 gennaio 1946

*Il Presidente
del Consiglio dei Ministri*

Mio caro Ammiraglio,

ho molto apprezzato la segnalazione da Lei
fattami con la nota dell'8 gennaio scorso, relativamente alla
situazione della provincia di Bolzano ed ai pareri espressi in
proposito dal brigadiere Dunlop.

Mi piace qui confermarLe che il Governo italiano, fedele alle
tradizioni dell'Italia democratica, intese al rispetto dei
diritti e delle esigenze delle minoranze, non ha affatto
l'intendimento di scacciare dai suoi confini le persone di lin-
gua tedesca che vi sono rimaste stabilmente ancorchè abbiano
optato per la cittadinanza germanica.

Questa affermazione avevo già avuto occasione di fare a nome
del Governo nel discorso da me tenuto alla Consulta Nazionale il
21 gennaio scorso, durante il quale ho solennemente dichiarato
che non allontaneremo nessuno di buona fede che sta al di qua
del Brennero nè lo costringeremo ad andare ramingo al di là.

Mi è gradita, caro Ammiraglio, l'occasione di porgerLe i miei
migliori saluti.

All'Ammiraglio Eliery W. STONE
Commissario Capo della Commissione
Alleata

ROMA



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HEADQUARTERS ARMED COMMISSION
Office of the Chief Commissioner
APO 394

3 January 1946

Dear Mr. Prime Minister:

In connection with the Bolzano situation, I am taking the liberty of quoting below some views of Brigadier Dunlop, whom I believe you met recently, which you may find of interest and which you might care to adopt.

"I believe one single action that could be taken by the Italian Government to calm the Bolzano situation would be to reassure the German-speaking population that no forced emigration is intended.

"As you know, as a result of the Hitler-Mussolini agreement and as a result of the great deal of misrepresentation that accompanied that agreement very many German-speaking inhabitants 'opted' to go to Germany (or Austria). In fact as a result of war problems only a relatively small proportion did so move. The others still remain in Bolzano Province. Now, though we have said that such people should be regarded as Italian citizens - I am generalising in this statement and I appreciate that there are various categories - the Italian Government has never said so itself. The result is that there is real apprehension among the Sud Tiroler that the Italian Government may now try to turn these optants out of their homeland.

"If the Italian Government could say quite simply, that it was not their intention to turn out of Bolzano any Sud Tiroler born there, whether he opted for Germany in 1939 or not, then, I believe that a very constructive step would have been taken towards a local peaceful settlement."

Sincerely yours

ELMER W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Dr. Alcide De Gasperi
The President of the Council of Ministers
Italian Government
Rome.



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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 384
Office of the Executive Commissioner

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14 JAN 1946

Ref: 558/94/NO

12 January 1946

SUBJECT: Allied Military Government.

TO : See Distribution below.

Attached please find for your information copy of letter no. 10951.14/1.1.26 dated 1 January 1946 from the President of the Council of Ministers, expressing his appreciation for the work carried out by Allied Military Government.

Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

Distribution:

A.C. Chief Liaison Officers: NAPLES
LIVORNO
BOLOGNA
LEGHORN (GENOA)
TREVISO (TODIN)
LOMBARDIA (MILAN)
BOZZANO
VERONA (PIRELLA)
SICILY (PALERMO)
BARI

A.C. Liaison Officer (Ch.) ANCONA
A.C. Liaison Officer 2 District

Civil Affairs Section (2)
Economic Section (2)

SCAO JMC XIII Corps
Provincial Commissioner, Udine Province

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Translation

COPY

The President of the Council of Ministers
10351.14/1.1.26

Rome, 1 January 1946

Dear Admiral,

Since the greatest part of the national territory is now being handed back to Italian Administration, it is a pleasure for me to tell you how deeply the Italian Government appreciates the work done by the Allied Military Government for over two years, through memorable events, against all kind of difficulties and with unchanged feelings of sympathy towards our country.

Such feelings were always answered by those of the population, who considered the organisers of the Allied Military Government sincere collaborators of our reconstruction, while it welcomed the victorious soldiers of the United Nations as liberators.

I am happy to remind you that while the liberation war was raging, A.M.G. had to cope with the worst difficulties: keep away the ghost of famine, bring relief to the refugees, prevent the spreading of epidemics, rehabilitate public services and private industry in devastated areas.

The way in which such difficulties were overcome with intelligent energy and abundant means will remain a vivid and grateful memory with the Italians.

I beg you my dear Admiral to express to the Allied Military Government the gratitude of the Italian Government and the Italian Nation, and I trust that the friendly attitude inspired by the action of the United Nations will be maintained and confirmed.

Believe me,

Sincerely yours,

a. De Gasperi

Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
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Translation

The President of the Council of Ministers
10951.11/1.1.26

C.A. Lee
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Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
Rome

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4 January 1946

CC 8253

SUBJECT: Italian Troops along Franco-Italian
Frontier

TO : O-5, AFHQ

There are forwarded herewith original copies
in Italian and English of the President of the Council's
undertaking not to station Italian troops other than
Carabinieri within fifteen miles of the Franco-Italian
frontier.

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USN
Chief Commissioner

Copies to: Exec Commr
VP, CA Sec
Land Forces S/C
American Embassy
British Embassy

*Put in appropriate
handover of country
file me*

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Ammiraglio Ellery W. Stone, USN

Capo della Commissione Alleata

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ROMA

IL PRESIDENTE DEL CONSIGLIO DEI MINISTRI

3/2335

Roma, 30 Dic. 1945

Caro Ammiraglio,

in risposta alla Sua lettera del 29 dicembre 1945,
Le scrivo per confermarle il mio accordo verbale già comunicato nel
nostro colloquio del 12 dicembre 1945 e per dichiararle quindi che il
Governo italiano s'impegna a non dislocare truppe all'infuori dei CC.RR.
entro 15 miglia dalla frontiera Franco-Italiana, fino a nuova
comunicazione da parte del Supremo Comandante Alleato.

Molto cordialmente,

/s/ De Gasperi

Ammiraglio Ellery W. Stone, USN

Capo della Commissione Alleata

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IL PRESIDENTE DEL CONSIGLIO DEI MINISTRI

3/2335

30 December 1945

My dear Admiral,

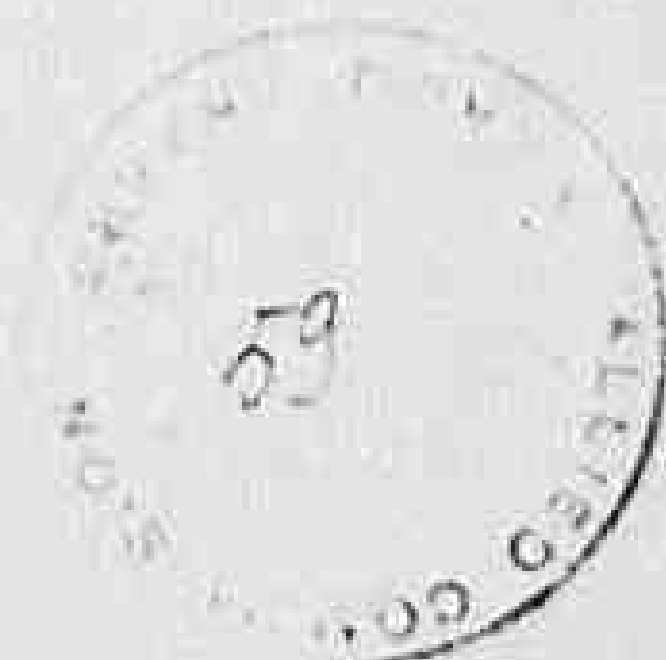
In reply to your letter of 29 December 1945, I write to confirm my verbal agreement expressed at our meeting on 12 December 1945 and to state that the Italian Government undertakes not to station troops other than CC.IG. anywhere within fifteen miles of the Franco-Italian frontier pending further notification from the Supreme Allied Commander.

Very truly yours,

/s/ De Gasperi

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Rear Admiral Ellery W. Stone, USNR
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
Rome



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SECRET

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Ref: 8273/83/80.

31 December 1945.

SUBJECT: Handover of Northern Provinces to the Italian Government.

TO : G-5 Section, A.F.H..

1. Reference MAY 1095 of 11 December 45 and in confirmation of our telephone conversation to-day, the Handover documents were signed in Rome on 20 December 45.
2. The undertaking by the Italian Government not to station troops other than Carabinieri anywhere within fifteen miles of the Franco-Italian border was signed by the Italian Prime Minister on 29 December 45. A copy of this undertaking, to which no publicity has been given, is enclosed.

For the Chief Commissioner:

Francis M. Colman
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Incl.

Copy to: Polad (A)
Polad (B)
Room Sec
Ca Sec
Nat Sec
Navy Sub-Comm.
Land Forces Sub-Comm. (15/1A)
Air Forces Sub-Comm.

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SECRET

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Ref: B273/83/80.

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Francis H. Lohm

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Incl.

Copy to: Polad (A)
Polad (B)
Room Sec
CA Sec
Nat Sec
Navy Sub-Comm.
Land Forces Sub-Comm. (MIA)
Air Forces Sub-Comm.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 39.
(Establishment Section)

GA/41/A

26 April 1945

28 APR 1945

SUBJECT: Use of Vehicles Requisitioned by Prefects in AMG Territory.

TO : See Distribution.

1. It has been brought to the attention of this headquarters that officers in AMG Regions have been authorizing Prefects to requisition civilian motor vehicles for AMG officers use.

2. Providing transportation for AMG officers in Regions is the responsibility of this headquarters and no authority has been granted to AMG officers authorizing them to use vehicles requisitioned by Prefects.

3. Therefore, under no circumstances will officers assigned to AMG Regions of the Allied Commission be permitted to use civilian motor vehicles requisitioned by Prefects, Sindacos, or any Italian Agency, and any such vehicles at present so being used will be returned to respective Prefects for disposition.

BY COMMAND OF REAR ADMIRAL STONE:

C. M. Patten

C. M. PATTEN
Colonel, Infantry
Acting Vice President

DISTRIBUTION:

Group I - Dist. "C"
Group II - Dist. "A"
Group III - Dist. "B"
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QUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

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9/7.B/CA

12 Mar 45

SUBJECT : Permit for Tyres - HQ for Sanctions against Fascism.

TO : Transportation Sub-Commission (Att: Capt Peterson)

May a permit please be issued in respect of the tyres as shown on the attached list and forwarded to this Section in order that we may forward same to the High Commissioner for Sanctions against Fascism.

F. H. WHITE
S.H. WHITE Lt Col.
for VR C& Section

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Subject: Requisitioning
Cars

ADMIN 50-7.
Rome Allied Area Command
Tel. 66387
ORD/800/1

DD Claims and Hiring
HQ. AAI.

31 Aug 44

Lancia Ardea Car Roma 75529
" Aprilia Car PE.3942

1. The two above mentioned cars will please be returned to the owners on production of this letter.
2. These cars are official vehicles of the Italian Government and are not available for requisitioning.
3. It appears that the Italian authorities did not make the position clear originally, but the matter has been investigated and their title is clear.
4. Alto Commissariato Epurazione Delitti Fascisti - Nucleo di Polizia Giudiziaria - should see that these cars are provided with correct circulation permits forthwith.

Kurt
Lt. Col.
A.D.C.S.
(R.G. CARTER)

Copy to: Vice President, Admin. ✓
Sec. HQ. ACC

(We spoke - Brig. Upjohn - Lt. Col. Carter)

" " Alto Commissariato Epurazione Delitti
Fascisti - Nucleo Polizia Giudiziaria

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A.C.C.

9/72/AB

31 Aug 44

SUBJECT : Requisitioning of Cars.

Your Excellency,

I refer to Your Excellency's letter of the 28 August with regard to the requisitioning of cars. I would point out that operational troops are not under the command of this HQ and this HQ cannot undertake to interfere with their actions. However on this occasion we have made representations on your behalf and the officer concerned has agreed to waive the right he undoubtedly has to requisition these cars.

It would appear (a) that the car was on the road without proper papers, (b) that it was conveying persons who were not travelling on official business, (c) that evidence as to the car being in the possession of the High Commissioner was not produced within the time limit allowed.

If the requirement of the military authorities under which only cars are permitted to circulate are not complied with, one can hardly complain if the car infringing the regulations is seized.

H.E.M. Berlinguer,
Alto Commissariato per le Sanzioni Contro il Fascismo,
Italian Government,
Rome.

Ext: 525
SHW/wb.

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28th Aug 44

SUBJECT : Requisitioning of cars

TO : ACC

I bring to your knowledge the fact that this morning Col. LITWOD of Military Command in Piazza Augusto Imperatore No 32 has requisitioned a car Lancia-Ardea plate no Rome 75529 & also wishes to requisition another car Lancia-Aprilia plate no 3943 P.E.

These cars have been requisitioned for the Giudicial Police Office which is under me, and the circulation papers are being prepared.

You, Col Upjohn can well understand the difficulties caused to my service by the requisitioning of these cars and I address myself to your well known courtesy so that you will give instructions for the cars to be given back to my giudicial police group.

With thanks

L'ALTO COMMISSARIO AGGIUNTO
Mario Berlinguer
(signed)

3001



ALTO COMMISSARIATO PER LE SANZIONI CONTRO IL FASCISMO

Prot. N. 73

Allegati

Risposta al foglio N.
del

Roma, 20 agosto 1944

OGGETTO: requisizione di autoveicoli.

A/Le COMMISSIONI MILITARI DI CONTROLLO

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Porto conoscenza che questo mese il Colonnello LYTHWOS del
Comando Militare di Piazza Augusto Imperatore n. 32 ha richiesto una
macchina Land Rover targata Roma 75529 e vuole anche requisire
un'altra macchina Land Rover targata 1943 P.M.

Queste macchine sono state requisite per conto dell'Ufficio
di Polizia Giudiziaria di un dipendente e per essere in via di per-
fezionamento il processo di circolazione.

Lei sig. Colonnello, UPICION comprende bene quale intralcio porti
al suo servizio la requisizione delle macchine suddette e quindi l'ufficio
di Polizia di Roma ha notato cortesia affinché interponga i propri buoni
uffici per la restituzione delle macchine al suo nucleo di Polizia Giu-

Porto e contadina che quata esse il 6/10/1945 LUTWICE
Squadra Militare di Piazza Augusta Imperatore n. 52 ha requisito una
macchina tedesca Arden targata Roma 75529 a ruolo anche requisita
dalla macchina tedesca targata 3943 P....

Queste macchine sono state requisite per conto dell'Ufficio
di polizia giudiziaria da un dipendente e per esse è in via di per-
fezionamento il processo di dichiarazione.

Lei sig. colonnello UPIANOV comprende bene quale intralcio porti
al mio servizio la requisizione delle macchine sequestrate a. quindi faccio
appello alla sua b. nota cortesia affinché interponga i propri buoni
uffici per la riconsegna delle macchine al mio nucleo di polizia giu-
diziaria.

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Milgrazio ed ossequio

L'ALTE COMMISSIONE ACCIDENTO
" Mario Berlusconi "

Mario Berlusconi

Subject:- Requisition of Civilian Vehicles

Lt.-Col. White
Legal Sub-Commission
ACB

Claims Commission and
Hirings Directorate (Br)
HQ / CMF
CH/4/A/52B
30 Aug. 44

1 I refer to your interview yesterday afternoon with Lt.-Col. Littlewood, AD Hirings, and Captain Ingram of this Directorate, in connection with the detention of Lancia Car 75529-ROMA, pending its requisition by ADOS RAAC.

2 I attach statement of the circumstances of the detention of this car, signed by Lt.-Col. Littlewood. It will be noted from perusal of this statement that proper procedure has been followed, and I have, as a result, given instructions that the request for the requisition of this vehicle should be submitted to ADOS RAAC, to fill a vacancy on the vehicle establishment of this Directorate.

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Enc: (1)

Copy to ADOS RAAC

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C. Bonny
Colonel
ID Claims and Hirings

- 1 Lancia Car 3942 F3 was copied by Capt Ingram of this Directorate on 24 Aug 44. The driver of the vehicle Renio Targuino, was asked to produce his authority for circulation and the attached document was produced. This being the only document in the possession of the driver, Capt Ingram instructed him to proceed to this HQ for interrogation.
- 2 The driver was interviewed by the undersigned, and stated that the car was the property of Doctor Pacifici (Antonio), who was employed by the Ministry of the Interior, under the control of Commissioner Mario Berlinguer. The driver stated that he was proceeding to pick up Dr Pacifici, prior to proceeding on a mission to arrest certain Fascist individuals. The driver displayed complete ignorance of any knowledge of certificates of circulation that are required to permit the circulation of motor vehicles. He was instructed to contact Dr Pacifici and ask the latter to produce the necessary authority.
3. Dr Pacifici reported to this HQ approximately one hour later. He stated that the work on which he was employed precluded the displaying of authority to circulate, and quoted a Capt Lastretti as the authority for using his car. This officer was phoned at the Ministry of the Interior, but was not contacted. A message was left asking him to produce the necessary authority. He phoned at 1300 hrs stating he had been unable to come to this HQ., but would report with car and authority to use, at 1000 hrs 25 Aug.
- 4 Capt Lastretti failed to keep the appointment, and he was again telephoned at 1700 hrs 26 Aug., and told that if authority, or evidence of request for authority was not produced by 1000 hrs 28 Aug., the matter would be referred to Allied Military Police RAAC.
- 5 Meantime, the undersigned established, after phone talks with Lt.-Col. Pollock and Major Battersby, that the organisation concerned was co-operating in the arrest of Fascist elements, and that a number of cars had been authorised for their use.
- 6 A list of authorised cars was obtained from the Registration Office RAAC. This list did not include the car in question.
- 7 At 1000 hrs 28 Aug., Capt Lastretti reported with Dr Pacifici. The circumstances of the stopping of the car and subsequent action were explained to him, and he was asked to produce authority. This was not forthcoming, but he stated that this had been requested, but he did not know to whom. When asked if the car was available, Dr Pacifici stated that the tyres had been removed and put on to another car which had authority to circulate. When asked where this second vehicle was located, I was informed that they had reported in it, and it was outside this HQ. Capt Ingram went with Dr Pacifici and saw Lancia Car 75529 ROMA. Capt Ingram reported that the statement regarding the change of tyres was false, as he had

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8 Lt.-Col Carter, ADOS RAAC phoned the undersigned at 1730 hrs 28 Aug, stating that temporary receipt given by this Directorate had been presented to him. The circumstances of the detention of the vehicle were explained and Col Carter agreed that he would requisition the vehicle when the request was submitted.

9 At 1100 hrs 29 Aug, Capt Ingram was instructed to submit request for requisition, as nothing had been heard from Capt Lastretti.

30 August 1944

Copy to:- ADOS RAAC

J. F. S. Howard

AD HIRINGS,
AAI.

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HEADQUARTERS
ROI REGION ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

PERMIT

CAR N....3942..FE.....
MOTOR N...IQ465.....
POWER LOOM N...288051.....
PROPERTY OF.....RACIPIGI...ANTONIO.....
PERMISSION TO CIRCULATE IN...APRUZZI...AND ITALIAN TERRITORY
BEING AT THE SERVICE OF THIS SUPERIOR COMMAND FOR OFFICIAL
BUSINESS.
AND ON ACCOUNT OF THIS HIGH COMMISSION FOR PUNISHMENT OF
FASCIST.

THE COMMANDER
LT. COL.

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*Authority to Circulate
Am/Int Can. list of held
Auth. White Card - Blue Diagonal line.*

X [Signature]

Aug Gregory

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394
ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION

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19 Jul 44

SUBJECT : Transportation.TO : Vice President, Economic Section.

- 1 Now that the Allied Troops have advanced further to the North, a larger number of civilian cars have become available for requisition but the real difficulty arises in respect of tyres and batteries.
- 2 If only tyres and batteries could be provided it would I think be possible for us to give to the Italian Governmental agencies assistance which they urgently and seriously need.
I will give three examples only:
 - (a) Education Sub-Commission urgently require transportation for the "provveditori" to get out into the country to open schools. Without transport they cannot get out and the schools remain closed or if open go without much needed supervision.
 - (b) Interior Sub-Commission urgently require transport for the Vice Prefetto (Ispettore) to get out into the communes and maintain much needed contact, frequently prefects are out of touch with their communes for months at a time.
 - (c) Legal Sub-Commission urgently require transport for the procuratori generali and procuratori del re to supervise out-lying pretori. Transport is also badly needed to serve process, to bring witnesses to Court and so on.
- 3 I fully appreciate the difficulties over transport but I feel that at this juncture the matter should again be tackled. The lack of transport for Italian civilian agencies is seriously hampering the administration of Italian Government territory and if anything can be done to help their genuine needs I am sure you will agree with me that it should be done.
- 4 I shall be glad therefore if you will examine the possibility of providing tyres and batteries which will go far to alleviate the present position.

G.R. UPJOHN
A/Head, Admin Sec

Copy to: Legal SC
Interior SC
Education SC

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394
ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION

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.. Jul 44

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G.R. UPFORD, Col.
A/Head Admin Sec.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
EDUCATION SUBCOMMISSION
ADVANCE HEADQUARTERS
APO 394

Lib *1a*
CWV/rh

Ref : ED/3.19 3 July, 1944.
To : Lt. Col. T.V. Smith, Education Subcommittee, ACC
Headquarters, Salerno.
Subject : Transportation

Dear T.V.

If any one asked any AMG officer in the field or any Italian Government official what the greatest need is today for making the government function in both IG territory and Italian Government territory, I think that without question the unanimous shout would be 'TRANSPORT'!

There are now, in liberated Italy, enough civilian cars and trucks to answer this demand, if we had tires and batteries.

The number of tires and batteries needed is not excessive—I estimate, roughly, the following number of cars which we should have to equip:

3 for each ministry	45
3 for each subcommission	45
3 for each provincial administration, through Region 9	180
25 for each IG region (3, 4, 5, 8, 9)	125
10 for each IG region (1, 2, 7, 6)	40
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These figures are rough, of course. Let's allow a little margin and call it 500. That means 2500 tires and 500 batteries. Jeep tires fit several standard types of Italian cars and others can be

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adapted to the . The addition of this transport to that now available would make more difference to the effectiveness of both Italian Government and Military Government than would any other thing.

I believe that if some one of us who sees the whole picture—who has worked in regions and at headquarters, who has talked with Italian officials and allied officials, and who has a bit of energy and salesmanship, could be sent by Hq. ACC direct to Washington, cutting red tape, and could go straight to General Hildring, this small fraction of a shipload could be released and on its way here in a short time.

Hildring could see that such an emissary got to top flight people direct—people with power to act.

However busy any one of us is, we could be spared for two or three weeks for such a mission. It only takes a day or two to fly over. If one starts at the top it does not take too long to see important officials.

Whatever Subcommittee or region spared an officer to do this work would reap the benefit of the work along with others, in a measure that would far outweigh the loss of an officer for three weeks.

Every one here knows the urgency of the need. But everyone is so concerned with his job that he merely curses the inefficiency resultant from lack of transport and wishes somebody would do something about it.

Education is as much interested as any other Subcommittee. I can't get my 'provveditori' to do a good job, you can't get your minister to do so if they don't have transport. I know first hand that machines with tires are relatively rare, machines without tires and batteries, plentiful. Will you go to bat, as high as you can get, to have someone competent assigned to this job for a brief period?

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