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REQUISITIONED TRANSPORT, ADMIN VEHICLES
SEPT. 1945 - FEB. 1946

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CSO. Holo 1 for approval.

If approved I will send it to the paper section.
J.S.
SPH
4/1/66

by H.

Approved. Please take action as quickly as possible & follow up result. H.S. 6H

SPH
15/2/66
H.S. 19/2
This request to come before a board when it meets. The transport system of the E.S. is under review at the present time and a decision will be made shortly.

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242.

copy at all is the memo about requisitioned cars which appears to have gone to ATTC Naples Division. 2 or 3 LDOs & very few other people. For this is a better requisitioning G4 (A) to send this letter to all ACLOS (at the correct address) & to all sub-commissions which may be not appear to have done. Would be grateful if you would consider expiring it.

88 24/1

243.Ex. Off (A).

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2. The letter, of course, should have been sent to all Chief Liaison Officers. AG ceased to exist in NAPLES and IIVORNO as from 1 Jan 46.
3. The effect of sending a letter of this importance to Companies only and the short notice given for the removal of the cars from the British element caused a great deal of dislocation and misunderstanding which it should be our endeavour at Headquarters to avoid.
4. I should be glad also if you would instruct your staff, which should set the pattern for correct addresses, to ensure that the distribution of letters is made accurately.

31. Jan. 46.

M. G. L.
Brigadier,
Executive Commission.

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Ex Comm. Since Jan 5 (date of letter on Page 240)

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31. Jan. 46.

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Brigadier,
Executive Commission.

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243.

Ex. 137 (A).

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M. G.
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

31. Jan. 46.

244

*Ex Comm. Since Jan 5 (date of letter on Page 240)
the staff has been instructed. Instructions were
again issued this date.*

H.S. 12

*C M. Park
Capt. Duff
2 x 244*

1-2-46

R. 12

226

1
 G. Low. See proposed draft. (para 225) per
 approved file.

Gold/Bernard
 Report Low.
 fo. for V.P. End.

20th
 12/11/45

227

Chief Clerk. Re. return early with G20 12/11/45.
 T. H. Z. Jr.

228

6-10-45 Sec. 1/2 min 226 - check per.
 2. Am 2 to take it but G. 4A) will provide
 also a list of Buttle as well as American
 registered vehicles - in other words does 5484
 para. 2 of P. 226 mean what it says?
 If it does then para. 3 of 226 will need
 - Little clarification as to pressure that
 P.B.S. don't deal with Buttle registered

Chief Clerk

Re return early with G20 12/11/45

True

228

Edith Sec.

you mean 226 - I can't see

2/ Am I to take it that G-4A will provide also a list of Buttle as well as American registered vehicles - in other words does 5869 para 2 of P-225 mean what it says?

If it does then para 3 of 225 will need a little clarification as I presume that PB3 don't deal with British registered vehicles.

True

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Spec of the car

Investigation has been made with St. Hilary, and Times Ltd. for the surplus captured enemy registered vehicles in the North & to see by the 1st Air Corps what they will demand & when it goes to them when the release of Italian Government

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Lushan
Stands
G-4B

Ex. Co. 220

C.S.O. Letter at 219 ~~submitted~~ for Ex Co
approval further to gr. 216 BB 1/10
submitted for signature.

2/10.

222

Estab. Sec.

Will you pl. deal with folio 221.

223

12/12

P.A. Am.

- Has your reply to 221

W. Barnes
Capt.

224

Herewith draft of proposed letter in reply 5868
to folio 221.

Don Smith
12/27/50. 54 (2)

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20/5.

Ref: 208/30

9 February 1946

SUBJECT: Transportation for Economic Section.

TO : Headquarters Commandant A.C.

1. Attached copy of letter ES/1521 dated 31 January 1946 is forwarded for necessary action.
2. The assignment of a vehicle has the approval of the Executive Commissioner.

SIMON R. HOLMES

Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

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Copy to Econ Sec.

PA
SKH

15/2/46

PA
14/2
[Signature]

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APC 394
ECONOMIC SECTION

Ref. ES/1521

31 January 1946

SUBJECT: Transport for Economic Section Staff
TO : Executive Commissioner

1. It is requested that necessary instructions be issued to assign a vehicle for use of the Economic Section Staff.

2. With Col. Densmore's permission, the staff of the Economic Section prior to his departure had the use of his car for necessary business at such times as were convenient for him. Upon his release from Allied Commission and the consequent reassignment of the car previously assigned to him, he recommended that a request be made for the assignment of a replacement vehicle to the Economic Section Staff.

3. It would be appreciated if the possibilities for such an assignment could be investigated. The vehicle should be assigned to Capt. Cecil B. Highland, Jr. who would make it available for use by the entire staff.

Harlan Cleveland
HARLAN CLEVELAND
Acting Vice-President

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see M243 + 244
+ 7245
~~244~~

(MAH) *SPK*
2/2/46

Ref: 203/24/53

25 January 1946

SUBJECT: Requisition of Civilian Vehicles.

TO : G-4 (A)

1. Reference your G-4/41/A dated 5 January 1946.
2. W.e.f. 1 January 1946 there was no AMG Naples Commune or Livorno Zone. A complete list of all A.C. Liaison Officers was given in our 212/261/53 of 4 January 1946 and it is considered that all the persons named therein should receive a copy of your above mentioned circular.
3. It is further considered that all branches of this Headquarters should be on the distribution list.

1/5/ M. W. Hind Smith
Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

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see M 242

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 994
(ESTABLISHMENT SECTION)

(240)
C.P./RMK/ro

G-4/41/A

5 January 1946

SUBJECT: Derquisition of Civilian Vehicles

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TO : See Distribution

1. The Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission, has received from the Commanding General MTOUSA, the following instructions regarding civilian requisitioned vehicles. Quote:

"Only those vehicles in use by the United States element of Allied Commission should be carried as a United States responsibility and vehicles used by British elements should be called in and de-requisitioned and then re-issued by the Italian Government to the British elements should they desire it. Vehicles in use by the United States may be carried on the records of the 2675th Regiment."

2. To comply with the above instructions it is directed that all cars being used by British elements of Allied Commission, and being carried as a United States responsibility, be called in commencing 7 January 1946 and de-requisitioned.

3. If the vehicles turned in by British elements are in better mechanical condition than others in your possession, this Headquarters has no objection if substitutions are made in de-requisitioning to insure your having cars that are in the best mechanical condition.

4. De-requisitioning procedure, outlined in Ltr. this Hq., Subject: "De-requisitioning of civilian motor vehicles", File number G-4/41/A, dated 28 December 1945, will be followed.

BY COMMAND OF REAR ADMIRAL STONE:

C. J. P. 5964

DISTRIBUTION:

1. Co.
Co. D
Co. J
Co. K
Co. N
Co. S
MAG Naples Commune
MAG Livorno Zone
L.O. Palermo
L.O. Ancona (M & Gen DP & R)
L.O. Bari

C. M. PARKIN
Colonel, Infantry
Executive Officer (US)

See F 241
M. 242-243-244

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(MSS) 5/1/46
(MMS H)

C O P Y

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1st Ind to Ltr, HQ, ALOOM, Establishment Section, APO 394, dtd 15 Nov 45,
Subj: Requisitioned Vehicles.

AG 451/574 D-0

1st Ind

HEADQUARTERS MTOUSA, APO 512, 4 December 1945

TO: Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission, APO 394
FOR: Land Forces Sub-Commission (MOTIA)

1. This Headquarters has no objection in your continuing with your present procedure in handling PIO vehicles now in use by the Commission. However, you are required to advise PBS of the vehicles for which you have no further use prior to taking de-requisition action to enable PBS to determine if vehicles are still required by the Army, and, to further advise PBS and the Deputy Claims Officer of the United States Claims Service your procedure now in effect and the location of the records pertaining to the vehicles presently in use and of those heretofore disposed of.

2. Only those vehicles in use by the United States element of Allied Commission should be carried as a United States responsibility and vehicles used by British elements should be called in and de-requisitioned and then re-issued by the Italian Government to the British elements should they desire it. Vehicles in use by the United States may be carried on the records on the 2675th Regiment.

3. De-requisitioned vehicles will be returned to the Inspectorati Compartimentali della Motorizzazione and in no case to the original owner.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL RIDGWAY:

/s/ EDMUND R. SHUGART

/t/ EDMUND R. SHUGART
Colonel, AGD
Asst Adjutant General

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5 Incls:

- 1 - Appendix "A"
- 2 - Exhibit "B"
- 3 - Exhibit "C"
- 4 - Exhibit "D"
- 5 - Appendix "E"

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
ESTABLISHMENT SECTION

19 January 1946

JAN 19 1946

SUBJECT: Request for Automobile

TO : Mr. Bombassei, A.C. Liaison Officer to Italian Govt.

1. Please find enclosed copy of a letter to the Comitato Provinciale dei Datori di Sangue.

2. It is requested that your office draw the particular attention of the Ministry of Transport to this matter.

3. The Ministry of Transport should, however, deal directly in this matter with the Comitato Provinciale dei Datori di Sangue.

O. M. PARKIN
Col. Infantry.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
ESTABLISHMENT SECTION

18 January 1946

Al Comitato Provinciale dei
Datori di Sangue,
Roma.

Con riferimento alla Vostra stimata lettera
del 28 dicembre, u.s., ci rincuora di doverVi informare
che la Vostra richiesta non entra nella competenza di questa
Commissione. Codesto ufficio dovrebbe pertanto rivolgersi
al Ministero dei Trasporti e delle Comunicazioni, Piazza
della Croce Rossa, a cui, previo accordo col Governo Italiano,
è passata ogni disponibilità di automezzi alleati.

Distinti saluti.

C. M. PARKIN
Col. Infantry.

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9006/EC

MEMORANDUM

TO : The Commandant.

14 January 1946.

I understand that following arrangements made between G-4(B) and Economic Section (GSM Branch) a number of vehicles now in the North will be arriving shortly for the use of this HQ, particularly for those officers who have recently lost their own registered vehicles.

I shall be grateful if a suitable vehicle can, if possible, be allotted to Lt. Col. Hannaford of the Legal S. b-Commission, most of whose time is taken up in visiting Italian authorities, Mechanics, etc.

F. B. McCLEARY

Lt. Colonel,
Acting Executive Commissioner.

Copy to: G-4(B)
Lt. Col. Hannaford, Legal Sub-Comm.
FILE 703/EC ✓

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1st Ind. HKS/or
Office of Executive Officer (US), Allied Commission, 16 January 46
TO: Office of Executive Commissioner, Headquarters Allied Commission
(Attention Lt. Colonel Mc Cleary).
JAN 17 1946

1. In reference to your request contained in basic communication, ref. 208/EC, I wish to advise you that action has been taken to allow Colonel Hancock to retain the American vehicle in question until 21 January 1946.

2. It is contemplated that subject vehicle will be reassigned as a replacement on one of the cars which are being derequisitioned, by reason of condition being such that repairs will not be economical. Therefore, it will be greatly appreciated if the proposed vehicle for Colonel Hancock could be made available to him prior to 21 January 1946, in order that we may continue our plan of transfer of vehicles without interruption.

FOR THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER (US):

Howard K. Smith
HOWARD K. SMITH
Lt. Colonel, FA
Executive Officer
2675th Regt.

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(csc)

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref: 208/33.

14 January 1946.

SUBJECT: Vehicle assigned to the
Executive Commissioner.

TO : Colonel H.F. Smith,
Acting Executive Officer (A).

1. I understand that the Executive Commissioner's car has been promised to Colonel HANCOCK (MILAN) when the Executive Commissioner takes over the new one; and that the handover is urgent in view of the recent derequisition order of 5 Jan 1946 which will leave Colonel HANCOCK without a car.

2. The position is now complicated by the fact that the new car is undergoing repairs which are not yet complete and it would therefore be very much appreciated if a further extension could be granted to Colonel HANCOCK to retain his present car for a further week, in order to give the necessary time to effect the changeover.

F. H. Cleary

Lt. Col.
Chief Staff Officer.

Copy to: G-4(B).

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HEADQUARTERS
LOMBARDIA REGION LIAISON GROUP
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394

DCLO/4

11 January 1946

SUBJECT: Motor Vehicle, Chief Liaison Officer, Lombardia Region.

TO : Officer in Charge, American Motor Pool, Lombardia Region, Liaison Group, Allied Commission.

1. Colonel HANCOCK, Chief Liaison Officer, this Headquarters must have a suitable vehicle at his command at all times.

2. Inasmuch as the vehicle which has served him the past eight months is on American requisition, and such vehicles assigned to British Officers are being called in, it was at first suggested that Colonel HANCOCK's vehicle be transferred to the British Motor Pool on Memorandum Receipt pending final orders to transfer it to PBS or to derequisition it. This was not considered feasible.

3. I then proposed that Colonel HANCOCK's car be assigned to me and I would be personally responsible for it in addition to my own. This also seems to have been contrary to orders, although this Headquarters has no copy of the orders cited.

4. The British Motor Pool of this Headquarters cannot supply the Chief Liaison Officer with a car until a shipment of British requisitioned cars is received from Venezia Region.

5. The proposal was made that one of the so-called diplomatic cars be placed at Colonel HANCOCK's disposal. This is not acceptable to him as the presence of these cars in Milan seems to be irregular.

6. Since we have spent a great deal of time on this matter without arriving at a solution, Colonel HANCOCK called Rome yesterday and tried to speak to Colonel PARKIN, Commanding Officer, 2675th Regiment, Allied Commission. Colonel PARKIN was ill, but Colonel HANCOCK received certain information which he has set forth in a letter to me, which I quote herewith:

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"In the absence of Col. Parkin, indisposed, I spoke to CSO of

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"In view of this, please arrange for the temporary release of the particular cars involved to the officers concerned....."

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(Ltr O, i/c Amer Motor Pool, Lombardia Reg, Liaison Gp, AG, Subject, Motor Vehicle,
CLO, Lombardia Region, 11 Jan 46, contd)

7. In view of this letter, I, as senior American Officer in this Headquarters direct you to place the Alfa Romeo Region II, AG 147 at Colonel HAMCO's disposal from today on until further orders from me.

8. A copy of this is being sent to G-4 (A) in Rome. If we receive written orders to modify it, this order of mine will be modified, but not until then.

W. H. Harris
WILLIAM H. HARRIS

Major CMP
Deputy Chief Liaison Officer

Copies to:

CLO, Lombardia Region
G-4, (A), AG
Motor Sgt
File

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William H. Smith
WILLIAM H. SMITH

Major CMP
Deputy Chief Liaison Officer

Copies to:

✓ CLO, Lombardia Region
G-4, (A), AC
Motor Sgt
File

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Ref: 208/SC

14 January 1946.

SUBJECT: Vehicle assigned to the
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TO : Colonel H. E. Smith,
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(Sgd) F. H. Nel.

Lt. Col.
Chief Staff Officer.

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Copy to: C-4(B).

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Ex-Comm

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JAN. 111600A

G/7204
JAN. 120845A

IMPORTANT

M M I A

(FOR ACTION) 7 BLU INFO: G-4 (AN) AC

JAN 12 1954

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On authority Exec Comm AC and subject approval PBS following cars at A N C O N A may become available M M I A on derequisition by G4 (A).

ALFA ROMEO	N. V-158
FIAT	" V-162
BIANCHI S-9	" V-171
FIAT 1500	" V-194
FIAT 1100	" V-264

In conjunction with AC at ANCONA inspect and report urgently on suitability.

AC DIST

ACTION : G-4 (A)
INFO : CHIEF COMMISSIONER
EST SEC
EX COMM
FILE 2
FLOAT

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Ref: 2006/EC

10 January 1946

SUBJECT: Disposal of Captured Enemy Material.

TO : G-4(B).

1. Reference is made to GHQ CEM letter GHQ/5034/4/Q(AE) dated 28 December 45 addressed to CEM Branch, copy to you, stating that there were some 200 Fiat vehicles available in the North, some of which could go to make up any deficiency we may have in Allied Commission. Has any action yet been taken on this?

2. I suggest that we might be in need of some vehicles, particularly now that all American requisitioned cars have been withdrawn, and therefore suggest that you at once get in touch with CEM Branch and let them know how many cars you want. Immediate action seems to be what is required. If thereby our establishment is exceeded this can be gone into later and the appropriate number of vehicles be handed back.

3. This unique and amazing offer of vehicles was made some time ago and as far as I am aware no action appears to have been taken. If I am wrong do not hesitate to correct me, at the same time letting me know what you have done.

s. R. H. McCLEARY

Lt. Colonel
Acting Executive Commissioner

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Copy to: Economic Section (CEM Branch)
File 206/EC.

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Transmittal

Provincial Committee of the
'Entori di sangue' (Blood-givers)
d o c

28 December 1943

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To : Admiral Stone - Allied Commission
o o o

Subject : request for a small car

This committee, as you are aware, is carrying out a highly beneficial activity in Rome and in the Rome Province. It is unable to collect from the various collecting centres the blood which is being given by the blood-givers; this means a waste of the valuable liquid which is daily saving human lives.

Some time ago, we asked the Command of the American Red Cross to give us a small car, a jeep for instance, but the Command answered that it couldn't issue orders for such an allocation, as it wasn't empowered to do so.

We therefore appeal to the kind comprehension of Your Excellency, asking you to help this committee, granting us this small car, and thus sponsoring an organization which is doing a lot for suffering mankind.

Sincerely yours,

Comissario straordinario

lett. Mario Santarelli
M. Santarelli

E.C. DIST - 4 Jan

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Action: Lt. He (V)

Info: c.c.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref: 208/230/SC.

5 January 1946.

SUBJECT: Requisitioned Vehicles.

TO : Land Forces Sub-Commission (MIA)

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Reference your Q.204 of 10 December 1945.

1. The delay in replying is regretted. It is understood, however, that arrangements have already been made with you by G-4(B) for surplus captured enemy and requisitioned vehicles in the North to be seen by one of your officers after their withdrawal to MILAN and prior to their return to Ordnance or the Italian Government.

2. As regards vehicles requisitioned by G-4(A), the Office of G-4(A) will furnish you with a list of all vehicles now ready for derequisitioning. It is understood, however, that in regard to ~~enemy~~ vehicles to be derequisitioned in the future application must be made by you to PMS for any vehicles you wish to obtain.

F. H. MACLEARY
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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Copy to: Establishment Section
G-4(A)
G-4(B)

See M 228-279

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HEADQUARTERS
ARMED COMMISSION
APO 394
(Establishment Section)

File

SUBJECT: Requisitioned Vehicles.

TO : Land Forces Sub-Commission, Allied Commission,
(M.M.I.A.) - Rome

1. Reference your Q.204 dated 10 December 1945.
2. The Office of G-4(A), this Headquarters, will furnish you by description and number a list of all Vehicles ready for De-requisitioning.
3. Thereafter, Land Forces Sub-Commission may apply to P.B.S. requesting which of the listed ^{american} Vehicles it wishes to retain on requisition.

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Copy to
G4/H

CMIP

C. M. PARKIN,
Colonel, Infantry,
Acting Vice President.

(Write in here how Br
Req Veh will be handled)

Sub # 229

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(M.H.)
23/4/45

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Subject: Requisitioned Vehicles.

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Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(M. M. I. A.) ROME.
Q.204.

10 December 1945.

To: A.C.
for Executive Commissioner. ✓

1. In accordance with G.R.O. 1274, a number of vehicles at present surplus to the W.E. of M.M.I.A. are being withdrawn. Remaining vehicles are, without exception, mechanically unreliable. It is understood from A.F.H.Q. that, with the exception of 8 ext. Heavy Utility Chevrolet type, no new vehicles can be released in replacement.

2. In these circumstances, it is anticipated that A.F.H.Q. approval will be obtained for requisitioned civilian cars to be held against the W.E. of M.M.I.A. As it is contrary to policy to requisition cars now in the hands of civilians, the only source from which reliable civilian cars can be obtained is from those which are now becoming surplus to the needs of A.C.

3. It is, therefore, particularly requested that you will inform this Sub Commission before any action is taken to release a passenger vehicle which it is proposed to release to the Ministry of Transport. If, after inspection, the vehicle is found to be mechanically efficient, A.F.H.Q. covering approval will be obtained to retain the vehicle on requisition to the British Military Authorities.

D. P. ...
Colonel

Major General,
M. M. I. A.

Copy to: A.C. for C-4.

see M 222-226
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Ref: 205/219/EC

2 October 45

I have made inquiries about the three Alfa cars in Piemonte to which you refer in your letter and I find that, though perhaps at the time they may have been in the use you suggest the situation is now different.

Two of the three vehicles in question have been allotted to Allied Force Headquarters as part of the fifteen vehicles furnished by Piemonte Region. The one vehicle remaining is in use by Colonel Birchett, Regional Engineering Officer, Piemonte Region, and this vehicle will be returned to owner in accordance with disposal instruction covering these vehicles.

Colonel G. Selby
Regional Commissioner
Headquarters, AMO
Liguria

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27 September 1945

SUBJECT: Transfer of Alfa Romeo Car

SEP 28 1945

TO : Office of the Executive Commissioner

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1. Reference your 208/217/22 of 25 September 1945. This matter has been investigated and information obtained reveals that two of the three vehicles in question have been allotted to Allied Force Headquarters as part of the fifteen vehicles furnished by Piemonte Region.

* The one vehicle remaining is in use by Colonel Birchett, Regional Engineering Officer, Piemonte Region and this vehicle will be returned to owner in accordance with disposal instruction covering these vehicles.

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C. M. PARKIN,
Colonel, Infantry,
Acting Vice President.

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APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref: 203/217/80

25 September 1945

SUBJECT: Transfer of Alfa-Romeo Car

TO : Establishment Section
(Attention: Executive Officer (A))

1. With further reference to the subject of Col SELBY's request for transfer of the ALFA ROMEO car from Piemonte Region to Liguria, to which you could not agree, below is an extract from a letter I have received:

"As you say, there are other matters of greater importance, and I agree to the ruling provided that it is enforced. As far as I am aware, the three Alfa cars in Piemonte, which were all obtained at the same time, are still in use; the one that I had by Ciulini, the Regional Public Health Officer, one by the PA to the Regional Commissioner, and the other by Colonel Birchett, the Regional Engineer.

"If I am not allowed to have mine, I do not see why two very junior officers should still be able to go about in these cars, when the instructions say that they must be handed back to the owners."

2. Will you please take appropriate action?

Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

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DEAR JACK

Your letter of September 7th arrived here on the 11th and I have delayed answering until I was in full possession of the facts.

I would first point out that Talbot has spent considerable time and taken a great deal of trouble to find out what could be done about the matter of your car at a time when he already has more than enough work of first importance. Your implied criticism of him is quite unjust.

The question of these cars is most unfortunate. The fact that you brought the car to Gama without Marshall's approval (which Marshall has reported to me) did not give the matter a good start. But that does not affect the matter of principle. The Vth Army, it is widely agreed, let us down on the question of regulations. The cars are, therefore, on temporary receipt and (a) cannot be moved from Region to Region (b) must be handed back to their owners. We have to accept this even unwillingly. Other Regional Commissioners who have removed cars of this kind from Region to Region have been told to return them and this will be enforced. There is no discrimination against you.

The telegram which was sent to you was sent therefore with my authority.

Now there are many other matters far more important than individual cars and my advice to you is to accept a ruling which, while it hits you individually, is of general application. In any case do not remain under the impression that I have not given it a great deal of consideration. I have.

I hope the Region flourishes.

Colonel G. Selby,
Regional Commissioner,
Headquarters, 135,
LIMURIA.

Yours sincerely,

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Reference your 5142 cite ADREX of 111636.

Please give following further information for our guidance. At conference held in ROME Monday 13 August following proposed vehicle establishment was circulated with agenda. For ANG UDINE 1 staff car 3 cars light utility 26 jeeps 3 lorries 3 ton plus 4 vehicles for US Company HQ. For VENEZIA liaison group including displaced persons 1 staff car 4 cars light utility 23 jeeps 3 lorries 3 ton. Vehicles for proposed BOLLANO liaison group not settled at conference. An assuming provision of these vehicles is first charge on our existing holding. My notes of conference record that captured vehicles could be held in place of jeeps. In view greatly reduced dependability propose holding 1 and half requisitioned or captured vehicles against 1 WD vehicle on establishment until WD are available for issue.

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INFO: Chief Commissioner
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7th September 1945

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Dear Brigadier,

When you were staying here I explained to you the difficulties which I had had getting the car which I had used transferred to this Region. Marshall finally agreed to release the car which I wanted from Piemonte provided that I would send him one in return. This was agreed to by Thomas both verbally and in writing provided that I obtained the necessary sanction from O.C. 2675 Regt.

As I do not know Parkin, and we had discussed the matter, I sent you a telegram asking you to be kind enough to arrange this for me - my 777 dated 27th August refers. As I received no reply to this, on the 31st August I telephoned to Talbot and asked him to see about the matter which he said he would do. Apparently he did not think the matter of sufficient importance to either wire me or telephone me and I was still in the dark. I therefore sent another telegram to your office again requesting that this matter should be settled - my 839 of the 4th September refers. In the meantime Jordan telephoned to Amoroso in Parkin's office and was told that the matter was in hand. I also spoke on the telephone to Amoroso and he stated that the matter was still under reference.

As I had still no reply after ten days I again telephoned to Talbot yesterday and was rather vaguely told that he did not think much could be done in the matter but that he would have another go at it.

I happened to hear through the Regional M.T.O., Piemonte, that this car, Alfa Romeo F.114, is not considered to have been properly requisitioned because although all the necessary procedure for requisitioning was carried out at H.Q. Piemonte Region, 5 Army AMG disallowed it for some reason and sat on the thing for two months without even informing the Region. Be that as it may, the car was

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requisitioned at the same time as two other Alfas, one for the use of Marshall and the other for the use of Birchett, the Regional Engineer.

As far as I am aware, it has been customary for Regional and Deputy Regional Commissioners to have the cars which they have been accustomed to transferred by arrangement with 2675 Regt. I personally feel that it is extremely unsatisfactory that when I ask for a similar transfer every possible difficulty seems to be put in the way, none of my requests are answered and time just passes by.

I consider it necessary in this Region to get out as much as possible to find out personally what is going on and not remain tied to the office as I was forced to do in Piemonte. Yet all this time has been wasted trying to get a really suitable car. Here in Genoa, as is common in other cities, officials go about in requisitioned cars in good condition worthy of the appointment they hold. The Sub Area Commander, N.O.I.C. and Commander 7 AGRA all have civil cars which they have had requisitioned through their own channels. Commander South African Brigade in Turin has an Alfa Romeo which was requisitioned at the same time as this car in question, apparently with no bother.

I suppose the official answer which could be made to me is "You have a Staff Car". I have, but it was broken down in Carr's time and is now due for BLR because of its broken back axle.

Normally of course in a case like this, one could ask to see a General Officer in order to obtain some satisfaction but as in our chain of command it is not possible, I am writing this rather lengthy epistle to you in the hope that something can be done. If the answer is in the negative then it can only be through the inefficiency of the requisitioning channels

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through 5 Army to 2675 Regt and I would like to make official protest about it and be given an opportunity at some future date of taking the matter up with the Chief Commissioner.

*Yours sincerely
Geoffrey Selby.*

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Executive Commissioner,
Headquarters, Allied Commission.

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