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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 594
Liaison Division
Office of Chief of Staff

Tel: 47001

12 November 1944

Ref: 410/19/10

SUBJECT: Requisitioned Fiat Car, Rome 76033

TO : British Legation to the Holy See
in Via del Parlamento
Rome

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13/11/44

Reference your note (410/19/10) of 2 September 1944 on the above mentioned subject:

1. It is regretted that the a/s vehicle cannot be derequisitioned at the moment as it is being extensively used in the interests of the service.
2. However, should this vehicle become available for derequisition in the near future, you will be notified accordingly.
3. It would be much appreciated if you would notify the Secretariat of State of His Holiness.

For the Chief Commissioner:

Sanbury
Brigadier
Chief of Staff

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HEADQUARTERS
SOUTHERN REGION, ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394, U.S. Army

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R/4186

31 October 1944

SUBJECT: Fiat Automobile, Roma 76033.

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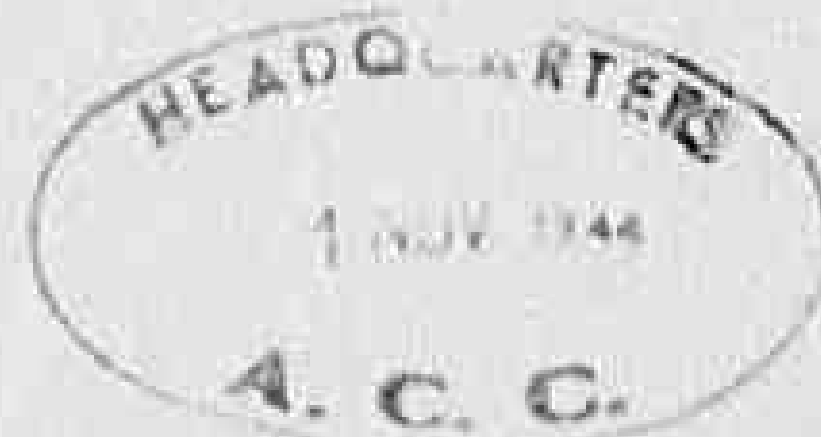
TO: Headquarters, Allied Commission,
(Attention: Establishment Section).

1. Reference your 7/143/CA, above subject, dated 6 September.
2. Attached herewith is copy of letter from Headquarters
56 Area in response to above-mentioned letter.

For the Regional Commissioner:

1 Incl.
Copy of letter.

JOSEPH BELLOTTI,
1st Lieut., M.I.,
Asst. Adjutant.



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Subject: - Requisitioned Vehicles

Q 506/3

A.C.C. - Naples Zone

Fiat Car Roma 76033

Ref your NZ/9 dated 12 Oct 44.

1. It is regretted that the a/m vehicle cannot be derequisitioned at the moment as it is being extensively used in the interest of the service.
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/s/ D. Mac Lish

Lt Col,
AA & CMG,
HQ 56 Area.

In the Field
28 Oct 44

Copy to Ord.

HEADQUARTERS
JED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.C. SECTION
APO 394

6 September 44.

REF : 7/143/CA.

SUBJECT : FIAT Automobile - Roma 76033,
TO : Regional Commissioner, *Southern Region*
Region I.

1. The attached copies of a request from the Secretariat of State of His Holiness sent to this office by the British Legation to the Holy See are self explanatory.

2. The request is referred to your office for consideration and action.

John 8-12-44
NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel,
Deputy Executive,
Commissioner.

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HEADQUARTERS

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

I transmit to you herewith copy of a Note which I have received from the Vatican and of the memorandum enclosed therein, concerning the requisitioning of a car belonging to Dr. Oreste Volpe di Prignano (Business Manager of the Dominican Headquarters at S. Sabina), together with documents submitted by that gentleman in support of his request that the car may be restored to him.

In the circumstances described and in view of the undertakings made by the requisitioning authorities, I ~~such~~ hope that it may be found possible to restore the car to its owner.



British Legation to the Holy See,
Vatican City.

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British Legation to the Holy See,
Vatican City.

September 2nd, 1944.

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Secretariat of State
of His Holiness.

No. 8254/34

Dal Vaticano, 24 August 1944.

The Secretariat of State of His Holiness presents its compliments to His Britannic Majesty's Legation to the Holy See and begs to transmit for His kind attention and consideration the case described in the enclosed memorandum concerning the requisitioning of the automobile of Dr. Creste Luciano Volpe di Prignano and the documents submitted by this gentleman in support of his request that the car in question be restored to him.

In declaring in anticipation its appreciation, the Secretariat of State of His Holiness avails itself of this opportunity to renew the expression of its high and distinguished esteem.

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To the Holy See

Vatican City

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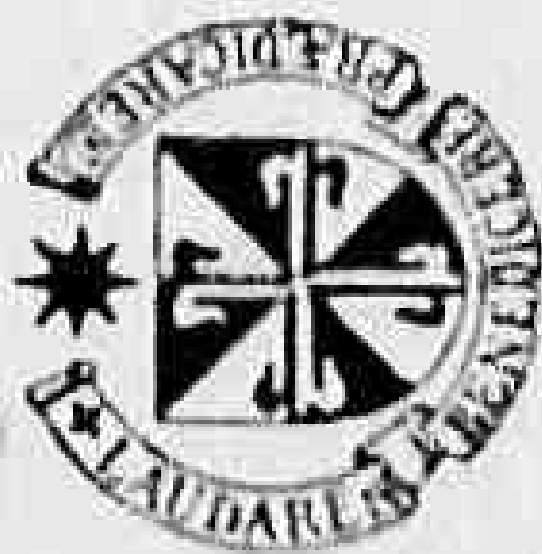
No. 62524/SA

24 August 1944

MEMORANDUM

1. Dr. Oreste Luciano Volpe di Frignano, a resident of Forino, in the province of Avellino, is the Business Manager of the Dominican Monastery of St. Sabina at Rome. (World headquarters of the Dominican Fathers.)
2. His car is a Fiat bearing the license: Roma 76033.
3. During the German occupation of Forino, this car was held in hiding by Mrs. Volpe.
4. Upon the arrival of the Allied Forces in Forino, the car was taken out of hiding and lent to an AMG officer, who, it is stated, gave assurance that it would be returned to its owner when requested. (Document A.)
5. Later Mrs. Volpe was informed that the car had been properly requisitioned by the 57 Area Command, A.D.O.S. Office with the promise that it would be returned as soon as possible. (Document B.)
6. Subsequently, Mrs. Volpe, acting on her understanding of the transaction, made an effort to regain the car but her request was denied. (Document C.)
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8. The return of the car is sought also on behalf of the Dominican Fathers, who, as they are without other means of transportation, must depend on the car of Dr. Volpe.



CASA GENERALIZIA
DELL'ORDINE
DEI FRATI PREDICATORI

Roma, 14 July 1944

Santo Spirito (Aventino)

Requisition of a car registered "Roma, 76033"

By the end of August 1943, Dr. Oreste Luciano Volpe di Prignano, Administrator-accountant of this Curia Generalizia, used the above mentioned car, of which he is the owner, to transfer his family from Rome to Forino (Province of Arellano), in dependence of war facts.

Unfortunately this car, for the happenings in connection with the war, could not get back to Rome together with Mr. Volpe.

Consequently the car was kept hidden, during the German occupation, by his wife Countess Volpe di Prignano.

As soon as the Allied Troops entered Forino, the car in question was taken from the place where it was hidden, and under application of an A.M.S. Officer, it was lent to him.

The above said person assured Mrs. Volpe that he would have given the car back to her, immediately at her request, as per letter (No. 1) attached herewith.

Subsequently Mrs. Volpe was informed that the car had been properly requisitioned by the 57 Area Command, A.D.O.S. Office, with the promise that it would have been returned to the owner at the first possible opportunity.

This promise was renewed officially by the 57 Area Command;

Letter dated 11 at

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This promise was removed officially by the 57 Area Command, in Naples, where the car is presently used. (See letter dated 31st of March, written in reply to Mrs. Volpe's request to have the car back).

With reference to the above, we wish now to point out that the car is absolutely necessary to us, on account of the shortage of transportation of persons and values.

We need also to get into touch with the numerous masculine and feminine houses of the south, and to be able to repair urgently the damaged buildings.

To this effect we need to reach the places and to visit funds where is no possibility of communicate in any way with Rome.

We have at our disposal no other car but Dr. Volpe's and besides we need it for our private uses.

Therefore we ask this AMI Office :

- 1o) to release the car and have it given back to the owner, Dr. Volpe, our administrator-accountant.
- 2o) to give us a circulation permit for the car in the name of the said person or directly in our name.

Trusting that you will take into good consideration our request we beg to remain, dear Sirs, faithfully.

(Mr. Eduardo Carnevale, engineer, resident in Torre del Greco (Naples) Curtoli street 42, has the authority to receive the car requisitioned).

Edoardo Carnevale

We, Procurator General of the Blackfriars' Order, confirm as already explained by our Administrator-accountant as for the utility which his car will have for the Order in the present circumstances.

F. M. Latorini. O.P.

Procur. Gen.

HO 2 CDM BASE RPT DETOT

CDM ARMY, CMT

9-6/Vehicles/1
31 Mar 44.

Contessa Volpi de Pringman,
FORINO.

CAR REQUISITIONS

Roma 76063 WD No 17528

1. With reference to your letter of the 27th of March and your visit to this office this date, the following is transmitted for your information:
2. The car Roma 76063³ was in the possession of AMR and it was arranged with them by the Group Cmdr1 CRRHP that the car would be requisitioned for my use as Cmdt 2 CRRD, it was further understood that I would return the car when a replacement was secured.- Of this I informed you.
3. I was able to secure a Lancia and returned the car to you as agreed.
4. I understand that the car was further requisitioned by 57 Area and I quote in part a letter received from them:

" It appears that a verbal promise was given by Col. LEE to the Countess that the car should be returned to her when its services are no longer required by 2 CRRD.- Much as it is our wish to be able to return this car to the owner, the acute shortage of transport within 57 Area is such that we must temporarily retain this vehicle in the APOG Office and at the first possible opportunity it will be returned to the owner."

5. I think you will agree that I carried out my undertaking to return the car to you.- But as you will see by the letter from 57 Area the matter is entirely out of my hands.

6. I regret the inconvenience it has caused you and trust you will soon receive your car back again.

(S. A. LEE) Colonel
Comd - HQ 2 CRRD

Countessa Virginia de Aringman,
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SAL/wd

(S. A. LEE) Colonel
Comd - HQ 2 CHRD

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Allied Military Government

Province of Avellino

Avellino

13th. Dec. 1943

This is an official receipt for one Fiat car no. Roma 76033 which is loaned by the owner to the Allied Military Government of Avellino.-- This car will be kept in good condition and will be returned when required.

J. Goodaave

Captain

A.M.G. Avellino

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REQUISITION RECEIPT NOTE

(NOT NEGOTIABLE)

N. 404574

Date 27th Jan. 64

Requisitioned from (full name) Contessa Volpe di Pignano

Address FORING

Articles or Services requisitioned	Quantity	Quality (good, average or indifferent)
PIAT	1	
Roma 76033		
Mileage 3185 Km.		
Engine 233936		
Chassis 231422		
Condition		good
Engine		"
Tyres	5	5% worn

Capt. Coleman

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Date 27th Jan. 44

Requisitioned from (full name) Contessa Volpe di Prignano
Address FORINO

Articles or Services requisitioned	Quantity	Quality (good, average or indifferent)
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FIAT

1

Roma 76033

Mileage 3185 Km.

Engine 233936

Chassis 231422

Condition

good

Engine

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Tyres

5

5% worn

Capt. Coleman

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Office of Chief of Staff
APO 394

Phone 478183

Ref/60/Est

NEF/mrd
5 October 1944

8 OCT Recd

Mr. Myron Taylor
Personal Representative of the President
of the United States
to His Holiness

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

The Commission has been informed that in accordance with a request from the Vatican, the following vehicles have been called forth from the New York Port of Embarkation:

Autobuses	each	2
Sedans	each	10
Truck, 1 1/2 ton	each	10
Bicycles	each	300

These vehicles are expected to arrive early in November. When notice of arrival is received, they will be picked up by the Commission and arrangements will be made for completion of delivery to the Vatican.

Sincerely yours,

NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel
Deputy Chief of Staff

PA 35405

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
INFORMATION DIVISION

DATE 3 October 1944

This information is for:

Deputy President, Allied Control

Commission, A.C. 324.

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HEADQUARTERS
NORTH AFRICAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
UNITED STATES ARMY
APO 553

In reply
refer to

AD 451/100 D-2

3 October 1944

SUBJECT: Vehicles for the Vatican.

TO : Commanding General, Communication Zone, MATOUSA, APO 750.

1. Latest information relative to the disposition and accounting procedure covering shipment of vehicles to the Vatican is included in Inclosure 1.

2. It is suggested that Allied Control Commission make the physical transfer from port of entry to the Vatican in accordance with instructions from Foreign Economic Administration, who are indicated as the consignee.

By command of Lieutenant General DEVERIS:

R. H. PENCE,
Captain, AGO,
Asst Adjutant General.

1 Incl
Ltr, ASF, 301 451 (20 Sep 44)
OS-3-SPDPO, dtd 21 Sept 44, subj:
Allocation of Items to the CG, MATO.

cc to:
HQ ACC
FEA
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HEADQUARTERS, ARMY SERVICE FORCES
Office of The Adjutant General
Washington 25, D. C.

SPX 451 (20 Sep 44)OE-S-SPDDO

CJM/gc 2B-939 Pentagon

21 September 1944.

IMMEDIATE ACTION

SUBJECT: Allocation of Items to the Commanding General,
United States Army Forces, North African Theater of Operations.

TO : Chief of Ordnance,
Chief of Transportation (Attn: Chief, Ocean Traffic
Branch, Water Division).

1. Confirming telephone conversation between the Commanding General, Army Service Forces (Captain Felder) and the Chief of Ordnance (Lt. Carpenter), 18 September 1944, it is desired that the following vehicles be shipped to the Commanding General, United States Army Forces, North African Theater of Operations, for re-issue upon arrival to the Foreign Economic Administration.

Truck, 1-1/2-ton, 4x4, cargo, wo/w Chevrolet	10
Car, light sedan, 5-passenger, 4x2	10
Bicycles	300
Bus, commercial type, 20 to 29-passenger, 1-1/2-ton, 4x2	2

For Shipment To: Port Trans O,
BCPoE
Baltimore, Maryland.

Marked For: MITE-57-ORDII-VAT-Y-319

2. It is desired that the Chief of Transportation supply the necessary transportation to ship to final destination the above vehicles.

By command of Lieutenant General SOMERVELL:

S/A. E. O'LEARY
Adjutant General.

COPIES FURNISHED:

Commanding General, Destination (3)
Oversea Supply Division, New York Port of Embarkation (10)
Oversea Supply Division, Baltimore Cargo Port of Embarkation (5)
Assistant Chief of Staff, Operations Division, WDGS (Logistics Group) (2)
Assistant Chief of Staff, Operations Division, WDGS (Theater Group) (2)
Director, Distribution Division, ASF (Attn: Captain Felder) (1)
Director, Distribution Division, ASF (Attn: Lt. Col. Arkin) (2) 3763
Director of Plans & Operations, ASF (2)

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HEADQUARTERS SERVICES OF SUPPLY
NORTH AFRICAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
UNITED STATES ARMY
ARMY POST OFFICE 750

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25 September 1944

OCT 1944

SUBJECT: Vehicles for Vatican.

TO : Commanding General, Allied Control Commission APO 777, U.S. Army
(THRU: Commanding General, NATOUSA, APO 534, U. S. Army).

1. As requested by letter, Headquarters, NATOUSA, subject as above, dated 19 August 1944, copy herewith, this headquarters has called forward from the New York Port of Embarkation the following vehicles for the Vatican.

Autobuses	each	2
Sedans	each	10
Truck, 1 1/2 ton	each	10
Bicycles	each	300

2. These vehicles are expected to arrive in the Theater early in November. Headquarters PENBASE is being requested to advise Headquarters, Allied Control Commission when these vehicles arrive and where they may be picked up.

3. Request that when notice of arrival is received, Headquarters, Allied Control Commission pick up the vehicles from PENBASE and make necessary arrangements for completing delivery to the Vatican.

For the Commanding General:

J. V. Sheldon
J. V. SHELDON,
Major, A.G.D.,
Asst Adjutant General.

1 Incl: a/s

AG 451/198 D-0 1st Ind
HEADQUARTERS NATOUSA, APO 534, 30 September 1944.

TO: Deputy President, Allied Control Commission, APO 777.

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A. R. K.

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HEADQUARTERS HAYUSA, APO 534, 30 September 1944.

TO: Deputy President, Allied Control Commission, APO 777.

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H/c

A. B. K.

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HEADQUARTERS
VIII AFRICAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
UNITED STATES ARMY
APO #534

In reply
refer to
AG 451/195 D-O

19 August 1944

8 OCT Recd

SUBJECT: Vehicles for Vatican

TO : Commanding General, 305 MATOUSA, APO 750.

1. Reference is made to AGWAR Cable BX 66989, dated 19 July 1944, as paraphrased:

"Vatican desires United States Government to sell and ship to them immediately the following:

- 10 - 5-ton trucks with 8 adequate trailers
- 10 - 1 1/2 ton trucks
- 10 - 4 passenger sedans
- 10 - 3 1/2 ton Trucks with 5 trailers
- 2 - 30-seats autobuses with spare parts
- 2 - 5-ton oil tankers with trailers
- 300 - bicycles.

With exception of passenger carrying vehicles, the above, if made available, must come from Army production. Advise, if from existing Army stocks, you can make any of the above available. Your views as to urgency are requested."

2. In cable, this Headquarters, reference number F 80318, dated 7 August 1944, the justification, as determined by Allied Control Commission, was forwarded to AGWAR for all vehicles except oil tankers with trailers and autobuses. It was stated that Allied Control Commission requirements for civil relief in Italy included the Vatican City, and that it was recommended that this particular request did not justify special treatment.

3. In cable, this headquarters, reference number F 81892, dated 11 August 1944, to AGWAR, it was stated that formal requisition for all vehicles listed in AGWAR Cable BX 66989, except oil tankers and trailers and including two (2) autobuses, had been received. Requisition being held in suspense pending instructions from War Department. It was further stated that this particular request did not appear to merit special treatment.

4. Just received is AGWAR Cable W 82689, dated 18 August 1944, stating that two (2) autobuses; ten (10) sedans; ten (10) trucks, 1 1/2 ton and three hundred (300) bicycles have been allotted the Vatican by FEA. No requisition required. Shipment to be made on Army transport. Other items of request not available. Request advice on priority of shipment.

5. It is requested that you take necessary action to call forward vehicles enumerated in paragraph 4 above, as shipping becomes available for the purpose and without prejudice to military requirements.

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By command of Lieutenant General DEVERS:

/s/ Jack Carter
JACK CARTER,
Captain, AGD,
Asst. Adjutant General.

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