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TRANSPORT REQUESTS FOR DEREQUISITIONING
OCT. 1944 - DEC. 1946

Minute No.1 210 20th December 1946

TO: Chief Commissioner.

Please See Folio 3.

As regards the American side, so far as is known there are no requisitioned vehicles in MTOUSA, but it is not know what is the situation in Venezia Giulia.

As regards the British side, it appears that some requisitioned vehicles are still in use. There are some with the Navy and Air Force Sub-Commission at this Headquarters and probably with other formations and units.

If you agree the matter will be referred to AFHQ.

M Carr Brigadier

M. CARR, Brigadier.
Executive Commissioner.

#2 211
I agree, but not necessarily to the cu-
declined refs Eus
21/XII cc

# 3 — G 4/1 (21) 212
attached

# 4 — Exec Comm. 213

For signature.

RCR.

214

C.S.O.

This apparently is replthy going as a G4/ill. Please ensure that Com. Stroma is informed of action taken

M Carr Bry

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211

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21/XII

#3 – Copy of (1) 212

re draft of Ltr from AFHQ, attached re Lt (1)

#4 – Exec Comm. 213

For signature.

RCR.

214

C.S.O.

This apparently is rightly going on as G4/Ltr. Please ensure that Comm Storms is informed of action taken

M Carey
HC

28/12

Copy sent to Caserta 30/12/44

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139

Ex Commr:

An interim reply tc 131 is submitted for CC's signature if approved.

Fcr action taken on 131 see 133.

CRB
11/10

Ex Commr: 140

Is it really necessary for CC or even you to have tc bother to sign these?

FHMcC
11/10

MSL
11/X

145

CSO:

Letter at 144 submitted for signature - ref. 143, 143 is in reply to 121 which Ex C. personally signed - perhaps he may wish to sign attached if approved.

CRB
15/10

(150)

Ex. Com.

CSO Letter at 150 submitted for signature in reply to 131 : 149 refers.

CRB 26/10.

(151)

152

Chief Commissioner.

Attached is submitted for your ~~approval~~ signature ~~information~~

IWM 27/X.

0915 OCT 27 RECD

157

AHCSO

Ref 158- relevant correspondence at 124, 144a, 157.
I suggest we P/A- the matter seems settled & they have communicated with him.

Ex Commr: 140

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FHMcC
11/10

MSL
11/X

145

CSO:

Letter at 144 submitted for signature - ref. 143, 143 is in reply to 121 which Ex C. personally signed - perhaps he may wish to sign attached if approved.

CRB
15/10

151

Ex. Com.

C.S.O. Letter at 150 submitted for signature in reply to 131 : 149 refers.

CRB 22/10

26/10.

152

Chief Commissioner.

Attached is submitted for your ~~approval~~ signature information

IKM 31/X.

0915
OCT 27 RECD

159

A/CSO

Ref 158- relevant ~~original~~ correspondence at 124, 144 & 157.
I suppose we P/A- the matter seems settled & they have paid Stamps & communicated with him.

VJD 3/11.

Ernie 3/11

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C&O T-All 4/10 - for Estsec

P 123.

125.

How other Regions reported at all?

DS (11x.

127.

Executive Commissioner:

No reports thus far received from other Regions. Signal has been sent (see 126) requesting expedition of replies to original signal.

H Thornlands
Capt, tod
for Col, V.P.

Exr. Sec.
4 Oct 45

128

Capt Braybrooke — Pl. follow up & resubmit when all reports are in. — mins 125/127.

1-All — 4/10.

129

C/C Hold this three days & if no more reports by then we will close: re 15V
8/10 — CRS 4/10

139

C.S.O. — Attd. draft in reply to 131 is submitted for approval —

CRS 6/10

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Capt, Inf
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Ex. Sec.
4 Oct 45

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132

C.S.O. Attd. draft in reply to 131 is submitted for approval —

ERB 6/10

134

Note: Draft not approved: for later action taken on 131 see 133

ERB 10/10

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Extension:-

10v

For your info - folio 101. Sir D'Arcy's letter does not give sufficient information as to what Allied Authorities have requisitioned the Bluicle. Do you wish to take this matter up in more detail with Sir D'Arcy or do you wish me to handle this matter.

(79)

Sgd 28/8

10Rf

Capt Arnold.

Extension would be grateful if you would handle both 101 & 103

Sgd 10/9.

What happened to this file between 28/8 and today?

Sgd

(CAPT ARNOLD SPOKE CSO)

120

To: Capt. Braybrooke-
I believe folio 114 is in your department

Sgd 27/9 Reply to this!

Sgd [illegible]

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Sabw 28/8

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120

To: Capt. Braybrooke-
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Emw 27/9 Hdq to Sd!

124
in reply to P. 111 & 101

Ex. Com.
CSO Ref 114 - Letter submitted for signature

Sd 1/10

2/10

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103.

Ex. Comm'r:

See 102, please — Hmf.

Sor. Sec
1 Sept 45

104.

Establishment Section

May we have a copy of your reply to S. SALVETTI to complete our files please?

DH.

3/9/45.

106.

Ex Securities Commission:

Copy of reply at 105.

Hmf.

Sol Sec
4 Sept 45

APR 9

75[illegible] -

90

GSO

Please note folio 89. In view of contents of para 3-a, b, & c I believe this could be considered as a policy letter & used as an answer to all requests for deregistration of vehicles such as have been coming in of late. Don't you agree?

CSO spoke Capt Arnoldy & Capt Abare @ 1400/7

@Bx 10/7/45

92

GSO

Please note folio 91; this refers to folios 84 & 85. In view of para 3 of folio 91 it would appear to be a matter for G-1 to investigate. Do you agree?

@Bx 11/7/45

93

I agree. Col McCarley is now Brig McCarley and is in charge of ~~Eritrea~~ Eritrea. He may, however, have been demobilized.

~~I should say~~ Ex 11/7.

SO must be answered. see ACTION at 94 & 95

101 751

Ext Sec.

What is the present position with regard to 100?

MP 29/8

102

G-4(A)

1. Subject vehicle is awaiting transfer to

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coming in 2 late. Don't you agree?
CSO spoke Capt Annotaly & Lieut Tabare @ 11h/2.

@SH 10/7/45

92

680 Please note folio 91; this refers to folios 84 & 85. In view of para 3 of folio 91 it would appear to be a matter for G1 to investigate. Do you agree?

@SH 11/7/45

93

I agree. Cpl McCarthy is now Brig McCarthy and in charge of ~~Italy~~ Eritrea. He may, however, have now been demobilised.

~~I state say~~ SH 11/7.

86 must be answered. see ACTION & 94995

101 751

Est Sec.

What is the present position with regard to 100?

AS 29/8

101

6-4(A)
1. Subject vehicle is awaiting transfer to the Ispettorato Compartimentale delle Motorizzazione Civile in Rome. As soon as they find a garage, vehicle together with 150 more cars will be transferred and returned to owners.

J Hammond 10.8.45

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NOTE: Ref folio 53, spoke to Capt Maitland Estab Sec. C-4 (A) on ating. Capt Maitland to follow up and will advise emmitt position.

28 MAY 45

60 31/5. Noted

Noted BR 1/6/45

62

Pol Advisers

Please note folio 60 & 61 re Brazilian Ministers Car. If you will see folio 7 you will see originating letter addressed to Mr. Schott. In view of the doubt as to actual ownership raised by the Palace Corps. in folio 60 & the definite statement from the Brazilian Consulates letter, folio 7, that the car is the property of the Braz. Min. - it would be appreciated if your comments & recommendation could be had. Thank you

CABW 1/6/45

63

If, as is presumably the case, Brazilian Embassy has documentary evidence to the effect that car belonged to Sr. Luiz Spadano, or can obtain such evidence, can it not presumably better be requisitioned. Payment of any indemnity would no doubt depend on general AC policy in this matter. See also representations of Swiss Legation in case of requisitioning

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Noted Dept. 1/6/45

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ABA
1/10/45

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representations of Swiss Legation in case of requisitioning
of Nicaraguan diplomatic vehicle

Hackworth
Asst Ad (A)

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 794
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER

G4/41/9 30 December 1946.

SUBJECT : Requisitioned Vehicles.

TO : Allied Force Headquarters, APO 512,
Attn.: G-5 Section.

1. The Italian Ministry of Transport has asked Allied Commission to initiate immediate proceedings whereby a date will be set in accordance with Article 3 of Decree No. 149, dated 4 January 1946, on which all vehicles of Italian origin still in the hands of the Allies will be considered as requisitioned. Upon the establishment of this date the Italian Government will settle all vehicle claims in accordance with Articles 2 and 3 of Decree No.46, dated 1 February 1945. This date does not affect the claims for requisitioned vehicles which have already been returned inasmuch as these claims are being liquidated by the Italian Government.

2. As regards the Allied Commission on the American side there are no requisitioned vehicles. On the British side there are two vehicles still with the Navy and Air Forces Sub-Commission, but not on charge to the Allied Commission.

It is not known if AMG Venezia Giulia still has requisitioned vehicles but it is believed that both the American and British side have most of the vehicles which were transferred from Allied Commission.

The situation as regards Military formations and units is not known.

3. It is recommended that this date should be established in the very near future for the following reasons :

a) All claims of this nature will be settled immediately while the Allies are still in Italy. Any disputed questions as to the legality of requinitions can be settled by the competent agencies of the Allies i.e. G-4 (A) and G-4 Claims of this Commission are currently dealing with problems concerning certain AMG and Allied Commission requisitions.

b) The owners of vehicles which were taken by the Allies but were lost, stolen, destroyed by enemy action or scrapping will receive payment now. Some cases being settled

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now are held up by legal machinery because of the death of the owner. Longer delay may result in legal complications in many of these cases and in the rightful owners not receiving their just due.

e) Vehicles which are still in the hands of the Allies when returned will automatically become State property to use or dispose of as they see fit.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER :

S/ M. CARR

M. CARR, Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Copy to G.H.Q., C.M.F.
A.M.G. Venezia Giulia.

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1st Ind Ltr Ministero degli Affari Esteri - Ufficio del Funzionario distaccato presso la Commissione Alleata, dtd 26 Nov 46, No: 11/143, Subj: Indemnities for Motorvehicles requisitioned by Allied Authorities.

G4/41/9 1st Ind CCC/ro
HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION, OFFICE OF G-4 (AMERICAN), APO 794, US ARMY, 10 December 1946

THRU: Executive Officer (A), Allied Commission, APO 794

TO : Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission, APO 794

1. This matter has political as well as economic importance. The main point here is that the Italian Government would like to establish the date for settlement of requisitioned vehicle claims as soon as possible. The claims referred to are based on requisitioned vehicles which have not been returned by the Allies to the competent agency of the Italian Government or to owners direct. This date does not affect claims for requisitioned vehicles which have already been returned inasmuch as those claims are being liquidated by the Italian Government in accordance with Articles 2 and 3 of the Legislative Decree of the Lieutenant General of the Realm No. 46, dated 1 February 1945.

2. It is the opinion of this office that the establishment of this date by the Allies and the Italian Government is a sound move for the following reasons:

a. All claims of this nature will be settled immediately while the Allies are still in Italy. Any disputed questions as to the legality of requisitions can be settled by the competent agencies of the Allies i.e. G-4 (A) and G-4 Claims, Alcom, are currently dealing with many of these problems concerning AMG and Alcom requisitions.

b. By indicating their desire to set a date, it indicates that the Italian Government is taking a step forward in meeting their problems.

c. Vehicles which are still in the hands of the Allies when returned will automatically become State property to use or dispose of as they see fit.

d. The owners of vehicles which were taken by the Allies but were lost, stolen, destroyed by enemy action or scrapping will receive payment now. Some cases being settled now are held up by legal machinery because of the death of the owner. Longer delay will result in many of these cases being legally bound and in some cases the rightful owners will not receive their just due.

3. As to the political significance of this matter this office is not prepared to state whether or not this is a wise decision. However, it certainly seems as though it is a sound move on the part of the Allies through Allied Commission to set this date immediately to help carry out one of the main missions of Allied Commission and eliminate further complaints by the people and attacks by the press.

CLAYTON C. CRAIG
Major, Infantry
G-4 (A)

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Rome 26 November 1946

*Ministero degli Affari Esteri*

Ufficio del Funzionario distaccato
presso la Commissione Alleata.

11/143

TO : Maj. C.C. Craig.
Allied Commission H.Q. Gr. 40

REF : Indemnities for motorvehicles
requisitioned by Allied Authorities

The Ministry of Transport has requested the writer to draw the attention of the competent Allied Sub Commission on the following :

1° According to art. 3 of the Decree issued on May 4, 1946, a date must be established in order for the Italian Authorities to consider as definite the requisition by Allied Authorities of Motor Vehicles and Trailers not handed back to the "Ispettorati Compartimentali della Motorizzazione Civile", and to pay indemnities to the interested parties.

2° The time elapsed since the requisi=

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tion, and the impo ibility in several ca= ses for the Allied Authorities to supply information as to the ultimate destination of the vehicles in question lead to the con= clusion .. that a date should be fixed as soon as possible.

3° Said date could, in the opinion of the Ministry, be chosen in the current month of November.

The writer would be grateful for the opinion of the competent Allied Sub Commis= sion on the subject.

Guido Colonna

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

Ref: FES/D1

13 December 1946.

SUBJECT: Derequisition of Motor Car--Marquis del COSTANAR.

TO : Chief Commissioner,
Allied Commission,
APO 794.

207

Reference your letter, 5815/207/EC of 2 December 1946 and further to letter this Headquarters, G-5: 991.21 of 5 December 1946, both on above subject. 208

1. This case was referred to Claims and Hirings for investigation by GHQ, CMF, on 21 November 1946 after a thorough investigation by the U.S. Military Authority failed to locate the vehicle in question (G-5: 9912.21 of 12 November refers).

NR

2. Further information will be forwarded upon receipt.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL LEE:

for A.L. HAMBLEN
Colonel, G.S.C.
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5.

Copy to: GHQ CMF. (Your ltrs: 6640/Q2 of 22/11 and 5/12 refer.)

Capt K

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

G-5: 991.21 5 December 1946.

SUBJECT: Marquis del COSTAMAR - Derequisition of Motor Car.

TO : Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
Att: Office of Executive Commissioner
APO 794

204

1. Reference is made to letter your Headquarters' Ref: 5815/207/EC, dated 2 December 1946, and this Headquarters' letter G-5 991.21 of 12 November.

206

2. A reply from GHQ is still not to hand. A reminder was sent to them on 30 November.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL LEE:

A. J. HAMBLEN
Colonel, G.S.C.
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5.

Capt K

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Ref. : 5815/207/30 2 December 1946

SUBJECT: Marquis del CORTAZAR - Requisition of Motor-car.

TO : C-5 Section,
AFHQ.

202

Reference is made to this Commission's letter no. 5815/201/30 dated 26 Aug. and your letter C-5: 991.21 dated 12 Nov.46.

206

May this Commission please be advised if a reply has yet been received from the British Authorities in this case. If not, may a hastener please be sent as this matter has been outstanding for over three months.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER:

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

See 7 208

See folio 204

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

G-5: 991.21 1st November 1946.

SUBJECT: Marquis del CCSTANZO - Requisition of Motor-car.

TO : Chief Commissioner,
Allied Commission,
(For Office of Executive Commissioner)
APO 794.

202 203

1. Reference your 5815/201/EC dated 26 August, our G-5: 991.21 dated 9 September, and your 5835/205/EC dated 31 October 1946. 205

2. A thorough investigation by the U.S. Military authority has failed to locate the vehicle in question.

3. As soon as a reply is received from the British authorities, you will be further informed.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL MORGAN:

Lee 7 208

Attested for
W. A.L. HARMAN,
Colonel, G.S.C.
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5.

Copy to:

DEC CCF (Our letter ref G-5: 991.21 of 1st Nov. refers). (Attn: Q Branch).

Capt K

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ADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

Office of the Executive Commissioner

205.

Ref: 5015/205/32

31 October, 1946.

SUBJECT: Marquis del CORRAHAR -- Derequisition of motor-car.

TO : G-5 Section
AFHQ.

202 203

Reference is made to this Commission's letter No. 5015/203/SC dated 26th August, 1946 and your acknowledgment Ref: G-5:991.21 of 9th September, 1946.

May this Commission please be advised of the position in this case and when a reply may be expected.

For the Chief Commissioner:

A. W. [illegible]ely.

Brigadier.
Executive Commissioner.

See Folio 206

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 794
Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref. : 5815/204/EC 10 October 1946.

SUBJECT: Marquis of Casteruar - Derequisition motor-car.

TO : Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

198

1. Reference is made to your memorandum No. 6/2943/1144 dated 17 Aug 46 on this subject.

2. This Commission has been informed that the matter is being investigated by the appropriate authorities, and you will be advised of the result in due course.

For the Chief Commissioner:

A. W. Kinsey

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Copy to: C-1 (A)

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

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G-5: 991.21 9 September 1946

SUBJECT: Marquis del COSTANAR - Derequisition of Motor-car.

TO : Chief Commissioner,
Allied Commission,
APO 794.

202

1. Your letter reference 5815/201/EC dated 26 August 1946 has been received and is under investigation.

2. You will be advised as soon as the result is known.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL MORGAN:

A. L. HAMBLEN
Colonel, G.S.C.
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5

(Ltr to K)

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See ff. 204, 205 & 206

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 794
Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref. : 5815/201/TO 26 August 1946

SUBJECT: Marquis del COSTANAR - Dorequisition of motor-car.

TO : G-5 Section
AMG.

The Spanish Embassy in Rome have approached the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs regarding the dorequisition of a Buick Sedan motor-car, belonging to the Marquis del Costanar, one time Spanish Consul at Dussack.

The details of this car are quoted below:

a) Chassis Buick n. 2820977
b) Motor ditto N. 42986305
c) Cylinders 8 76,58
d) H.P. 39
e) Sedan
f) 4 seats
g) Licence number C.D. 9760 TS (registered at Trieste)

The a/m motor-car was on September 1943 left in storage at the Garage Vittoria in Trieste, but it seems that it was requisitioned by the Allied Authorities some time later.

I enclose a statement from the garage manager from whom the car was requisitioned. — 201

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs would be grateful if the motor-car, being the property of a diplomat could be dorequisitioned.

May this Commission please be advised if this is possible either at present or in the near future.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER:
A. M. Kinsey
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Encls. as above.

See 203, 205, 206.

See Folio 206

P.A. 26/8/46

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Translation

SPANISH EMBASSY IN ITALY

Vittoria Garage — Trieste, 15 January 1946

TO : The Spanish Vice Consul,
Trieste.

During the last days of September, Cpl. Andrews of the Allied Police went to the garage in Via Crispi 25, and took away the steering wheel, worm wheel and headlamps from the Buick car No. Ts.9768 belonging to the Marchese del Castanar, which was parked there.

A few days later the same corporal requisitioned the car on behalf of the Allied authorities. In answer to our objections and repeated requests for a document showing the regularity of the requisitioning, Cpl Andrews gave us a provisional receipt written in pencil, which he later took back, promising that he would personally send a regular requisitioning order direct to the Marchese del Castanar whose precise address we gave him.

Cpl Andrews was on duty until some time ago in the garage in Via Pierluigi da Palestrina 83, under Major Polyblanck, head of the Transport Office.

The case in question is known to the a/m superior officer.

Translation of 4.197

Gino d'Onofrio

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AUG 23 1946

Tel. No. : ROME 489081, Ext. 436.

Subject : Requisition of Diplomatic Car.

Headquarters,
Allied Commission (ITALY)
C.M.F.

Ref : G-4/136/13.

22 August 1946.

Office of the Executive Commissioner.

199

1. Reference your letter 5815/199/EC dated 19 August 1946.

2. It is confirmed that the vehicle under reference was not requisitioned by the British side of AC/AMG.

3. Reply from G-4 (A) is attached hereto. ~~—~~ below

R.M. GREEN,
S. Comd. ATS
DA/MG.

To record in G-4 (A).

20 August 1946

Cc G-4 (A)

G-4 (B).

(Capt L).

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Title

Ref. : .9815/199/EC 19 August 1946.

SUBJECT: Requisition of Diplomatic Car.

TO : G-4 Section (A), AC
G-4 Section (B), AC

1. The motor car, details of which are given below, the property of the Spanish Embassy, was requisitioned by the Allied Authorities in TRIESTE.

2. Owner Marquis del Costanar.
a) Chassis Buick No. 2820077 -
b) Motor ditto No. 42986305 -
c) Cylinders 8 78,38 -
d) H.P. 39 -
e) Sedan -
f) 4 seats -
g) License number C.D. 9768 TS (registered at Trieste).

3. Before approaching AFHQ in this matter I would like your confirmation that the car is not requisitioned by AC/AMG, please.

By Command of Rear Admiral Stone:

A. W. Kinsella

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

See 10.4. 200

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AUG 19 1946

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ALLIED COMMISSION

Subject: Marquis del COSTANAR - Derequisition of motor-car. 1950

1. Reference is made to the Allied Commission's note n° 5815/180/EC dated April 16th, 1946.

2. The following data regarding the motor-car belonging to Marquis del COSTANAR are herewith given:

a) Chassis Buick n° 2820077 -

b) Motor ditto n° 42986305 -

c) Cylinders 8 78,58 -

d) H.P. 39 -

e) Sédan -

f) 4 seats -

g) Licence number C.D. 9768 TS (registered at Trieste on June 5th, 1947)

3. The Ministry for Foreign Affairs beg, moreover, to enclose herewith a copy of a statement released by the garage Vittoria of Trieste.

Encl. One

Rome, August 17th, 1946

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AMBASCIATA DI SPAGNA
IN ITALIA

Autorimessa Vittoria Trieste, 15 gennaio 1946

Al Signor Vice Console di Spagna
TRIESTE

Gli ultimi gionri di settembre, il Caporale Andrews della Polizia Alleata di recava nel Garage Via Crispi n.23 ed asportava dall'autovettura Buick targata Ts.9768 del Marchese del Castanar, colà parcata, lo sterzo con la relativa scatola e i fari.

Dopo alcuni giorni lo stesso caporale, requisiva l'autovettura per conto delle Autorità Alleate. Alle rimostranze da noi fatte e alle nostre reiterate insistenze per il rilascio di un documento atto a dimostrare la regolarità della requisizione, il Caporale Andrews rilasciava una ricevuta provvisoria in matita, recevuta che veniva poi dallo stesso Caporale, ritirata, con promessa che avrebbe provveduto ad inviare direttamente al Marchese del Castanar, del quale demmo preciso indirizzo, il regolare ordine di requisizione.

Il Caporale Andrews ha prestato servizio fino a qualche tempo fa nella nostra ~~autorimessa~~ autorimessa di Via Pierluigi da Palestrina n.83 alle dipendenze del Maggiore Polyblanck Capo dell'Ufficio Trasporti.

Detto Ufficiale Superiore è a conoscenza della cosa.

Firmato : Gino d'Onofrio

See translation at f.201

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mm/eb

Ref: 5815/196/SC 14 June 1946

SUBJECT: Mr. d'Agostino - Car requisitioned by the Germans.

To : HQ Allied Commission - Germany -

The enclosed copy of a letter from the Italian Ministry for Foreign Affairs is forwarded for necessary action.

This office would appreciate any information in this case.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER

D. H. Crapp

Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

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Encl: ltr 6/2231/324 fr IMFA of 6 June 1946

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Sta/To

*Ministero degli Affari Esteri*

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JUN 7 1946

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ALLIED COMMISSION

SUBJECT: Car Fiat 15 - S.A. 6952.

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1. Reference is made to your note 5815/EC dated 19 February, 1946.

2. The Ministry of War has disposed the restitution to Mr. DI BENEDETTO Luigi of his car Fiat 15 plate number S.A. 6952.

3. The person concerned has been directly informed by the Ministry of War( letter n.12055/DM dated 27 May 1946) of the foregoing decision.

p/p Degli Uberti

Rome, June 4th, 1946.

MINISTERO DEGLI AFFARI ESTERI

P.A.

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*Ministero degli Affari Esteri*

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## MEMORANDUM FOR THE ALLIED COMMISSION

JUN 7 1946

Subject: Mr. D'ACUNZO - Car requisitioned by Germans.

1. Consul Benedetto d'ACUNZO, an official of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs, has forwarded a request in order to approach the Allied Administration in Germany for the restitution of a sum resulting from the sale of his car when he was Royal Italian Consul in Metz.

2. The car in question was sold to a private individual for the price of 6,000 R.M., but at the moment of its delivery, it was requisitioned by German military authorities who promised the payment of 3295 R.M. for it. However this sum was never paid, although the person representing Mr. d'Acunzo in the deal was compelled to sign the contract of sale as evidenced by enclosures n° 1 and n° 2.

3. After the liberation of France, the car in question could not be traced any more.

4. Mr. d'Acunzo is therefore requesting that the Allied Authorities in Germany be approached in order to see whether he may receive an indemnity for the damage he has suffered.

5. The Ministry for Foreign Affairs would greatly appreciate any attention the Allied Commission could take in the matter.

Rome, June 6th, 1946

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Metz, le 4 mai 1945

Au Secrétariat Général de la Police

M e t z

Par procuration du 1.6.1944 M. Benedetto D'Acunzo, Consul d'Italie à Metz, me chargea de vendre son automobile PEUGEOT No. F 300413, châssis No. 2'1'66, moteur No. 294176. Le 2 juin 1944 M. D'Acunzo - qui, en raison de son attitude à la suite des événements de septembre 1943, se trouvait en résidence forcée au Grand Hôtel à Metz depuis le 14 Septembre 1943 - fut accompagné par la police allemande à la frontière de Prusse pour être remis à la police italienne.

Par l'intermédiaire de M. TACHIN, inspecteur du travail à Metz, je trouvai un acquéreur pour le véhicule susdésigné en la personne d'un marchand de vins à Sarrebourg, dont je ne me rappelle plus le nom. Lorsque l'acquéreur voulut prendre livraison de la voiture, la police allemande la séquestra comme propriété d'un fonctionnaire antifasciste. L'automobile fut séquestrée très peu de temps après avoir été amenée au Garage SALVADOR, rue Antoine-Louis pour la recharge des accumulateurs.

Le "Polizeipräsident", auprès duquel je m'avais pas manqué de protester contre cette mesure, me convoqua à la Direction de Police où son substitut, M. Königsfeld, après avoir appelé mon attention sur les inconvénients auxquels je m'exposais en défendant les intérêts d'un fonctionnaire comme M. D'Acunzo, m'obligea à signer une déclaration (dont je possède copie) par laquelle, en ma qualité de mandataire de M. D'Acunzo, je "proposais" à l'Etat allemand l'achat du véhicule. M. Königsfeld m'informa que, dès que les formalités nécessaires auraient été accomplies, il m'aurait fait verser le prix de la voiture. En raison des événements je n'entendis plus rien de l'affaire.

La voiture fut fort probablement emmenée par les allemands au mois de septembre 1944.

Je me permets néanmoins de solliciter l'ouverture d'une enquête en vue de retrouver, si possible, l'automobile dont il s'agit dans le cas où elle serait restée à Metz.

Albert Pagnoni
31, rue Pasteur (chez Pignon) METZ.

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COPIA DEL RAPPORTO DELLA POLIZIA

MINISTERE DE L'INTERIEUR
Direction Générale de la
Police Nationale

Metz, le 22 Juin 1945

L'Inspecteur de Sûreté Royer Alphonse du service des Délégations Judiciaires du Commissariat Central

à

Monsieur le Commissaire Chef du Service des recherches de Sécurité à Metz

J'ai l'honneur de vous rendre compte que conformément à vos in-

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16 May 1946

Dear Mr. Formichi:

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I am in receipt of your letter of 10 May and am pleased to inform you that the Allied Commission is derequisitioning your vehicle in the very near future.

This, of course, means that your car will be turned over to the Italian Government agency known as the Ispettorato Compartimentale della Motorizzazione Civile and from then on regaining possession of your car will be a matter between you and the Italian Government.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Mr. Cesare Formichi
Viale dell'Universita 27
Rome

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27, Viale dell'Università,
Rome, May the 5th, 1946.

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MAY 15 1946

Excellency:

The writer is baritone Cesare Formichi, widely known in the United States, having sung in the principal Opera Houses of America for a number of years. He takes the liberty of addressing Your Excellency for what follows:

He was caught by the war in Hungary where he happened to be for artistic engagements; was detained by authority and had to go through a very severe ordeal. His prolonged sufferings, economic difficulties due to the severance of communications, greatly deteriorated his health. After his return to Italy, at the end of hostilities, he had to undergo a grave surgical operation followed by health complications which render to him impossible to move about freely, especially owing to the transport difficulties .

Upon his arrival in Rome, the writer found out that his son, Enrico, on July 22nd, 1944 had volunterily offered the U. S. Forces the writer's automobile, a Packard, which is still under requisition after twentytwo months of service. The requisition details are given here below.

Given the circumstances above described, the writer's state of health, it is practically impossible to him to move about and attend to important artistic engagements. The writer therefore ventures to appeal to Your Excellency if it would be at all possible to have his car de-requisitioned at an early date, thus giving the writer an opportunity to attend to his work which requires compraratively a certain freedom of movement. The car has now been in service with the U. S. Forces for a fairly long period.

With anticipate thanks for what Your Excellency may do and with the assurance of his very high regard remains.

Very respectfully.

re 7191

Cesare Formichi
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EC DIST-15 May
ACTION - E. Co.

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AC DIST-15 May
ACTION - E.C.
INFO - C.C.

To His Excellecy Admiral Ellery Stone
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REQUISITION DATA:

REQN. Nº 1851, DATE JULY 22nd. 1 9 4 4.
Motor vehicle PACKARD blue-cream colored. H.P. 38.8,
Rome Region Nº 1851, Permit Circulation 62731,
Italian license N. EE 1298 Chassis Sedan Five Seater.

The car now circulates marked H.Q. 594 under Pool
and his housed at the Super Garage.

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PHT/fb

Ref.6015/185/EC 13 May 1946

SUBJECT: Derequisition of motor car P.D. 79309
property of Slavisa Milan.

TO : Jugoslav Delegation to A.C.I.

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Reference your letter Br 445/46 of 9 April 1946.

The enclosed letter has been received from the Office of the Chief Liaison Officer Bolzano stating that the a/m motor car is ready for collection.

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FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER

P. E. TUNNARD

Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

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Encl. as above

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ALLIED COMMISSION
OFFIC OF CHIEF LIAISON OFFICER
BOLZANO

MAY 13 1946

REF: ACLO/BZ/108.2.35

DATE: 4 May 1946
CWB/mab

SUBJECT: Motor Car PD.79309, property of Slevina Milan; Derequisition.

TO : Executive Commissioner, HQ AC.

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1. Reference your 5815/182/EC of 25 April, I have caused enquiry to be made respecting the car in question, the result of which is as follows:

a) Lieut. Lettieri of the Polizia del Traffico at Bolzano is still in possession of the vehicle, which at present is garaged in the caserma of the Traffic Police.

b) As at (a).

c) The vehicle was not legally requisitoned.

d) No authorization was given by Capt. Brown either verbally or in writing. (See para 2 below).

2. On 24th November 1945 the Traffic Police found this vehicle in the Touring Garage Bolzano. The car had been there about 2 months and as the owner was not known, it was sequestrated by them being treated as a suspected captured enemy vehicle; it was then regularly denounced to the Procuratore del Regno.

About a month ago Professor Slavina visited Bolzano and claimed the vehicle. The Lieutenant of the Traffic Police, it appears, referred him to the Office of C.L.O. in order to have the matter settled before handing over the vehicle. In the meantime the Professor received an urgent call which necessitated his immediate departure for Trieste, and it was then arranged that the car would be handed over to a person nominated by Professor Slevina.

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The vehicle, which is in good condition, has not been used since this visit and definite arrangements have now been made with the Traffic Police to return it to Professor Slavins whenever he desires to collect the same.

S.W. MILLER.
Colonel,
C.L.O., Bolzano

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Translation

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E.C. 185

Comm. Dr. Ing. BONI Alfonso
Rome - Via Isonzo, 50

Rome, 1 May 1946.

To : His Excellency Admiral STONE,

MAY 9 1946

By requisition note No. 475450 dated 31 - 8 - 1944 the Rome Allied Command of piazza Venezia requisitioned my automobile Lancia Astura.

On April 13/46 the same Command derequisitioned the car and consigned it to the "Ispettorato Compartimentale della Motorizzazione" in Rome, who returned it to me on the 18th of the same month.

The Allied Command consigned the said automobile (leaving apart all other damage which could be justified by misfortune) after barbarously stripping :

1) the toilet service
2) the silk courtains
3) the leather cushion covers of the front seats
4) the two front high-power head lights.

I therefore denounce to Your Excellency this fact, in order to know if this stripping is by right of the requisition and if not how can the responsible persons be pursued ?

Yours Truely

/s/ Ing. Alfonso Boni

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To : Admiral Ellery W. STONE
Chief Commissioner, A.C.
ROME

E.C. DIST - 9 May
Action : G-4(R)
Info : C.C.
E.C.
(AB)

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Ref.4765/MC

24/April 1946

APR 25 1946

SUBJECT: Requisitioning of Nicaraguan Diplomat's Car.

TO : Polad American
attn: J. Wesley Jones.

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1. Reference your letter 8 April 1946 concerning Packard Sedan, License no. Roma-9210, supposedly owned by Mr.Francesco Medina, Via Vittorio Veneto 121, Rome.

2. On December 10, 1945 the above automobile was derequisitioned and delivered to the Italian government as per prescribed (AMG) procedure; i.e. to Ing.Ettore Rosciani, Ispettorato Compartimentale della Motorizzazione Civile, Rome.

3. The Italian government has acknowledge receipt of the above mentioned vehicle and has accepted full responsibility for same. Furthermore, the Italian Government has been fully informed as to the name and address of the former owner or possessor of the vehicle.

4. When the Ispettorato Compartimentale della Motorizzazione Civile certifies as per para.3 above upon receipt of a derequisitioned vehicle, the responsibility for the return of same to its owner (or a financial reimbursement) is assumed by the Italian government.

5. It is kindly requested that the Nicaraguan Embassy in Washington be informed of the above.

VICTOR L. ODDI

Brigadier
Acting Chief Commissioner

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of Political Adviser (A)

April 18, 1946

APR 25 1946

TO : Executive Commissioner's Office

SUBJECT: Requisitioning of Nicaraguan Diplomat's Car

Reference is made to the memorandum written by this office on the above mentioned subject, to the Executive Commissioner's Office, dated November 9, 1945.

The Nicaraguan Embassy in Washington has been informed by the Swiss that the car in question is scheduled to be auctioned by the Italian authorities (to whom it was turned over on December 10, 1945, according to G-4 (A), HQ, ALCCM). The Department of State has been requested urgently by the Nicaraguan Embassy in Washington to ascertain the position of the Allied Commission in this connection.

This office will appreciate being informed, at the earliest possible moment, of the present actual status of the vehicle in question, and also of the view of the Allied Commission toward the proposed auction of the car.

J. Wesley Jones (acc)
J. Wesley Jones
Political Adviser (A)

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VLO/fb

Ref. 5815/182/30 25 April 1946

SUBJECT: Motor Car PD.79309, property of Slavina Milan;
Derequisition.

TO : A.C. Liaison Office, Bolzano.

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1. Attached please find a letter from the Yugoslav Delegation to A.C.I. same subject as above.

2. May this office be informed as follows:

a) Is Lieutenant Lattieri of the Polizia del Traffico at Bolzano still in possession of the vehicle?

b) If not, is the whereabouts of the vehicle known?

c) Was the vehicle legally requisitioned and by whom?

d) What "authorization" did Capt. Brown give and how given, i.e. verbally or is there a written document in existance?

VICTOR L. ODDI

Brigadier
Acting Chief Commissioner

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Encl. ltr fr Yugoslav Delegation to A.C.I.
dated 9 April 1946

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Routing Slip
Hq 2675th Regt A.C.
APO 394, US Army

Date 18 Apr 46

| From | | To | Initial |
|---|---|---|---|
| ____ | Commanding Officer | ____ | ____ |
| ____ | Executive Officer | ____ | ____ |
| ____ | Adjutant | ____ | ____ |
| X | Assistant Adjutant | ____ | ____ |
| ____ | Sgt Major | ____ | ____ |
| ____ | S-1 | ____ | ____ |
| ____ | Asst S-1 (Off) | ____ | ____ |
| ____ | Asst S-1 (EM) | ____ | ____ |
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| ____ | Asst S-4 | ____ | ____ |
| ____ | Mess and Billeting | ____ | ____ |
| ____ | Claims & Invest | ____ | ____ |
| ____ | Motor Officer | ____ | ____ |
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| ____ | Message Center | ____ | ____ |
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REMARKS: This has been batting around for several days. I think your office is the only one which can answer it.

SEH

Y (W) I am not sure of this matter. Suggest contacting the State Dept

Acc
Y. 4/4

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JUGOSLAV DELEGATION
TO THE ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR ITALY

Br. 445/46 9 April 1946 APR 19 19[illegible]

Subject: Motor Car PD.79309,property of Slavina Milan; Dereqüisition

TO : H.Q.A.C.
~~Liaison Division~~
G 4(A)

1. Prof. SLAVINA Milan,Jugoslav sculptor, is acting as Jugoslav interpreter with the Displaced Persons Institutions in the American and French zone in Austria. The same is owner of a motor car ( Austrian Registration Number P.D. 79309, Military Government fo Tyrol,Austria,permit N° 0002424,issued on 18.IX.1945;make Opel Kapitän,engine Nr.391762,body Nr.391743) which he has put at disposition of the "Displaced Persons Division,Regional Military Government,and Liaison Work with Yugoslav Committee",as it is stated in the quoted certificate.

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3. The Italian "Polizia del Trafico" requisitioned prof. Slavina's car at Bolzano,supposingly with knowledge and authorization of Cpt.Brown,American Safety Officer at Bolzano. Presumably the car is used actually by tenente Lattieri of the Polizia del Trafico at Bolzano.

4. Application is made that necessary steps be taken in order to bid the Italian Authorities to derequisition the car immediately and to restitute it to the proprietor for the official use of the D.P.Division,Military Government of Tyrol. The persons using the car should be responsible for its conditions and all eventual damages.

5.You are courteously requested to inform this Delegation about the date and modalities of the derequisition.

Čedomil Veljačić

CEDOMIL VELJACIC,
Secretary
Jugoslav Delegation A.C.I.

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CEDOMIL VELJACIC,
Secretary
Jugoslav Delegation A.C.I.

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FHT/eb

Ref: 5815/180/80

16 April 1946

SUBJECT: Marquis of Casteldar - Derequisition motor-car.

TO : Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs

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Reference memorandum 6/1688/711 of 11 April 1946.

This office would appreciate more information regarding the a/c motor-car: i.e. No of car, requisition form and detailed statement by Barone Vittoria - Trieste.

Until these details have been received we can take no action.

P. H. TUNNARD
Brigadier
Acting Chief Commissioner

Copy to G1(A)

Dec 7-1946

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*Ministero degli Affari Esteri*

APR 15 1946

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ALLIED COMMISSION

Subject: Marquis del Castanar - Derequisition motor-car.

1. The Spanish Embassy in Rome have approached this Ministry in order to obtain from the Allied Authorities the derequisition of a Buick sedan belonging to Marquis del Castanar, one time Spanish consul at Sussak.

2. The a/m motor-car was on September 1943 left in storage at the Garage Vittoria in Trieste, but it seems that it was requisitioned by the Allied Authorities some time later.

3. The Ministry for Foreign Affairs would be grateful to the Allied Authorities if they could interest the proper authorities of the matter in order that the a/m car, being the property of a diplomat, be derequisitioned as soon as possible. A

Rome, April 11th, 1946

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EC DIST - 15a
ACTION:- G1(A)
INFO - EC -

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Phone: 489081, Ext 477

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
OFFICE OF G-4

CMS/lb

APR 1 1946

In reply refer to: G4/41/A

1 April 1946

SUBJECT: Requisitioned Vehicle.

TO : Secretariat of State of His Holiness, Vatican City.

ATTENTION: Held by G-1(A)

Your letter, N.119649/SA, of 27 March 1946, addressed to Capt. Victor L. Oddi, of Liaison Division, Allied Commission, was referred to this office for appropriate action.

Restitution of requisitioned properties to owner, and payment of claims thereon, are responsabilities of the Italian Government under existing agreements. The practice, as regards automobiles, is to release vehicles to the Ministry of Transport, Ispettorato Generale della Motorizzazione Civile, which agency, in turn, handles restitution and indemnities.

The automobile of Mr. Trivulzio will be released to the Ispettorate within the next two weeks.

ODELL M. SMITH
Captain F.A.
Asst. G-4(A)

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref. : 5815/7/H HQ

22 March 1946.

SUBJECT: Requisitioned cars.

TO : MTOUSA G-4 Section.

A request has been received for the derequisition of the 2 cars mentioned below:

ALFA ROMEO 2350 - licence number MI 3574
ALFA ROMEO 2300 - licence number MI 46006,

which it is understood are requisitioned by your HQ.

It would be appreciated if you could let this HQ know whether there is any possibility of returning the cars to their owner, Manifattura di Legnano.

Replied to on 28 March by Lt Col Sampson

For the Chief Commissioner

B. SAMPSON

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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EHP/eb

Ref: 5815/175/SC

21 March 1946

Dear Monseigneur,

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In receipt of your letter n. 85913/SA enclosing a letter from Headquarters Allied Commission Clinics Board.

All possible action has been taken in this case by the Allied authorities.

Action is awaited from the Ispettorato Generale della Motorizzazione Civile - Ministero dei Trasporti. Any further information received will be passed to you.

Yours sincerely,

P. H. [illegible]
Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

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SEGRETERIA DI STATO
DI SUA SANTITÀ

N. 85913/SA

Vatican City, March 11, 19 ; 174

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MAR 20 1946

Dear Captain Oddi:

The Secretariat of State of His Holiness, at the request of the Most Reverend Salvatore Russo, Bishop of Acireale, takes the liberty to request that you urgently recommend to the attention of the competent Authorities his petition for an early settlement of his claim for compensation for his automobile requisitioned during the Allied Occupation of Sicily. Cfr. your No 105/205/L.

Bishop Russo has been trying for more than a year to have his claim adjudged and settled, but without success. His contention is that the Allied Authorities requisitioned his car and three batteries and that none of these objects were ever

Captain Victor L. Oddi
Liaison Division
AC HQ - Via Veneto
ROME

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returned nor was due compensation made.

The Secretariat of State transmits for your information the enclosed copy of the letter of the Allied Commission Claims Board dated 11 January, 1946.

Thanking you for your kindness, I am

Sincerely yours

Joseph McGeough

Rt.Rev.Mons.Joseph McGeough
Secretariat of State of His Holiness.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED ( MISSION
(ESTABLISHMENT SECTION)
Claims Board
APO 394

CPS/mt

Tel. 489081
Ext. 522

Ref. :G-4/Claims/322
SUBJECT : Fiat 500 Vehicle
Reg. N° SR 2187 - 1939 Model 11 January 1946

TO : Ispettorato Generale della Motorizzazione
Civile - Ministero dei Trasporti - ROMA

1. As the result of our investigation and documents received, we have to inform you that the above vehicle was requisitioned by the British Red Cross on 14 Feb. 1942 and up to date the vehicle has not been returned or compensation received by the owner.

2. No trace of above vehicle can be found. -

3. As per copy of letter from the Maresciallo of Carabinieri herewith attached, the Bishop bought the car from Dr. Marcello Alagona on 15 July 1943 for 20.000. Lire under a private agreement. -

4. Passed to you for necessary action. -

For the Chief Commissioner
f. °C.P.Savignon
Cap. R.A.O.C.
Claims Officer

1. In seguito alla nostra inchiesta e ai documenti ricevuti, vi informiamo che la macchina di cui sopra fu requisita dalla Croce Rossa Inglese il 14 Feb. 42 e non è stata restituita nè pagamento di alcun genere è stato ricevuto dal proprietario.-

2. Non è stata trovata alcuna traccia della macchina.

3. Come risulta dalla copia della lettera del Maresciallo dei Carabinieri qui acclusa, il Vescovo comprò la macchina dal Dott. Marcello Alagona il 15 Luglio 43 per 20.000.-L. in seguito ad un accordo privato.

4. Pa pratica viene passata a voi per i necessari provvedimenti.

Copy to Salvatore Russo, Vescovo di Acireale, Acireale (Sicily)
Copy to V.P.C.C.D. of hgs G.H.Q.C.M.F.

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MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Rome, 16 February 1946

Dear General,

The Minister of Foreign Affairs has been told by Adviser Amoroso that on 30 January 1946, A.M.G. of Trieste has disposed the requisition of the only car (Fiat 1500 N. 10467) of property of the Liberal Party of Trieste.

Considering that the above disposition interferes with the organization and propaganda work, which should be permitted to all political parties of the region, and that the Liberal Party gave always to A.M.G. its collaboration for the new administration of Venezia Giulia, the Adviser Amoroso asked the Allied Authorities for the derequisition of the above mentioned car.

I will be very grateful to you, if you will taken interest in the matter.

Yours very truly,

signed: R. Prunas

Brigadier M.S. TUSI
Executive Commissioner
Allied Commission

R O M E.

letter answered by G4 (A) - not necessary. Copies of letter sent to PFA & SCAO 7/3. Spoke 14/3.

(MISS S)

EC DIST - 26 Feb.

ACTION - G1(A)

INFO - EC.

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VLO/mcf

Ref: 5815/EC

19 February 1946

SUBJECT: Car Fiat 15 - S.A. 6952

TO : Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Attn: Consul Giorgio Bombassei De Vettor

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1. Reference your 6/605/205 of February 4, 1946 on same subject as above attached please find the formal application as requested therein.

2. As a personal favor it is requested that immediate favorable action be undertaken on the matter.

VICTOR L. ODDI

VICTOR L. ODDI
Captain CAV

Encl: Application fr Luigi Di Benedetto dtd 18 Feb. 46

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16 Febbraio 1946

MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA, Direzione Generale
Artiglieria e Motorizzazione.

Io desidero inoltarare l'applicazione per la derequisizione della mia macchina. Questa macchina mi serve per espledamento de grande azienda agricola.

Accludo qui tutti i dati circa la derequisizione de questa macchina:

I Descrizione del veicolo: macchina ?Fiat 1500 targata S.A. 6952 intestata a Luigi di Benedetto di Tobia.
II Data die requisizione, circonstanza e paese:
Requisita il 20 Febbraio 1945 in Salerno mentre il proprietario si trovava cola per affari.
III Unita che ordino la requisizione:
Comando Territoriale di Napoli.
IV Unita della quale presentemente tiene il veicolo:
Stato Maggiore - Palazzo Salerno, Napoli

(Luigi di Benedetto di Tobia)

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Ministero degli Affari Esteri

MEMORANDUM FOR CAPT. V.S. ODDI

Subject: Car Fiat 15 - S.A 6952.

1. Reference is made to your note VLO/mcf dated 4 January 1946.

2. The Ministry for War (Direzione Generale Artiglieria e Motorizzazione) has replied that Tobia Di Benedetto ought to be advised to address to them a formal application, detailing the following particulars:

a) description of the motor-vehicle;

b) data of requisitioning and circumstances in which same has taken place;

c) unit or body which ordered the requisition;

d) unit or body which is at present operating the motor-vehicle.

3. A copy of the letter by the Ministry for War is enclosed herewith.

Encl.

Rome, February 4th, 1946

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COPIA

Roma 29 Gennaio 1946

MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA
Direzione Generale Artiglieria
e motorizzazione
Divisione Mot. Sez. I^
Prot. N.1812/03822

MINISTERO DEGLI AFFARI ESTERI - Uff. Collegamento - ROMA

Risposta al f; del telespresso 8/1/46 N. 6/124

Oggetto: Derequisizione autovettura Fiat targa S.A. 6952 (sig.TOBIA Di Benedetto).-

Questo Ministero - Direzione Generale Artiglieria e Motorizzazione - allo scopo di esaminare la richiesta di derequisizione autovettura di proprietà del sig. TOBIA DI BENEDETTO prega codesto Ufficio di collegamento voler invitare l'interessato ad inoltrare relativa domanda a questo Dicastero, specificando, oltre i dati dell'autoveicolo, epoca e modalità dell'avvenuta requisizione, ente che la operò - ed ente che attualmente lo detiene.-

IL DIRETTORE CAPO DIVISIONE
(col.G.Balanzino)

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To the Hon. Admiral Stone,

We beg to appeal to your well known sense of justice, in order to obtain redressment.

On the 23th of March 1945, Mr. Tito Zaniboni (Commissario per i profughi di Guerra) made a requisition of the motor-van belonging to the Sisters Rivera, (Fiat 521-targa "Roma no.21751-Name: Duke Luigi Rivera, their brother) that they used for agricultural purposes. This requisition has proved a great loss to them, as they had paid L.350.000 to have the old motor made up as a van. The money was lent to them by the "Banco Roma" at a rate of 10%, and they have not yet been able to pay it off.

The Rivera Sisters have often appealed to Mr. Zaniboni, who has never given them a penny and has even refused them a small sum of money that they had destined to the "Profughi".

Now that the new Minister Lussu ("Assistenza Post Bellica") has taken the post of Mr. Zaniboni, they hoped for something better from him; but he had proved to follow the same line as his predecessor, and it is quite useless to appeal to him.

The sisters hope that you'll think that they have a right to their motor-van (it lies presently at the Garage of via Monte Brianzo, "piazza" Riccadia) and they beg of you to be so kind as to have it given back to them; they would be awfully grateful to you.

Best regards from

Teresa Rivera
Isabella Rivera
Olimpia Rivera

November 1945
Roma, Lungotevere Vallati no. 18
Telefono n. 51.922.-

EC DIST - 31 Jan.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
OFFICE OF G-4 (B)

Tel: 489081.
Ext: 436.

G4/101/6/2

18 January 1946.

JAN 18 1946

SUBJECT : Lancia Agrilia T3.11595 W.D. No. 1747181

TO : Mr. Romano Vitas
Albergo Grande, Venezia.

N/R EGL Officer

1. Reference your telegram dated 17 January 1946.

2. Car has not, as yet, been dereguisitioned and will not be until such time as Allied Commission no longer require it. When dereguisitioning takes place, vehicle will be handed over to the appropriate Italian Government Agency of the Ispettorato Compartimentale della Motorizzazione Civile who will no doubt contact you as to the final disposition of the vehicle.

D.G. MOYLE
Major, RA.
G-4 (B)

Copies to:- A.C. C.L.O. Venezia (Treviso) att. M.T.O.
Lt.Col. F. Mac.Cleary, Chief Staff Officer,
Executive Commissioners Office.

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HEADQUARTERS
PENINSULAR BASE SECTION
APO 782

AG 451 BPCOS 18 December 1945

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SUBJECT: Restoration of Automobile under Requisition by AC

TO : Chief Commissioner, Headquarters Allied Commission, APO 394, U. S. Army

1. Attached is a letter from Graziani, president of the Livorno Chamber of Commerce, requesting restoration to him of his automobile which was under requisition by AC.

2. Captain Beatty of the local AMG office states that the car was originally requisitioned by Captain Sirota of the Property Control Section, AC. The Captain used the car in Livorno until he was ordered on short notice to Austria and his office closed. At that time the car was sent to Florence for derequisition by Region 8. Captain Beatty has no further information regarding it.

3. Since the vehicle in question has apparently been under control of your headquarters, inclosed correspondence is sent as a matter pertaining to your command.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

A. J. MARSHALL
Captain, AGD
Asst Adj Gen

1 Incl
Ltr 10 Dec 45 fr
Gino Graziani

Chief Commrs Office passed ACTION copy
to Col Walton Econ Sec

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CC 5807

15 November 1945

NOV 16 1945

MEMORANDUM:

TO : Economic Section
(Attention: Colonel Walton)

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1. You will note in the attached letter received by the Chief Commissioner, that the writer claims that certain Allied agencies at Brescia are cancelling vehicle engine numbers and other identifying marks and then selling the vehicles. Under what authority is this action being taken?

2. Would you please have this matter investigated to see if AMG/AC is involved?

L. W. STEARNS
Lt Col, AGD
Staff Officer to CC

cc Exec Commr.

(MISS SAMSON)

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Translation

Tu. n, 25 - 10- 1945

For the third time, I take the liberty of appealing to you on the same matter, and I hope you will forgive my insting in this way.

In September 1944, in spite of my protestations, some German soldiers requisitioned my car, leaving me in a very difficult situation for I am a doctor, and what is more, an obstetrician.

About a month ago, I happened to hear that my car was in the hands of the Allies, in Brescia, in the Q.M. Workshop, with several hundreds of other cars. I went to Brescia, ascertained that the car mentioned was mine and contacted the A.M.G. of Brescia, which sent me to the AMG of Milan. After many journeys between Milan and Brescia, I finally contacted the War Material Disposal office, A.M.G., Milano, there I was told that the cars which were in the O.M. workshop in Brescia depended from this office, but that my car couldn't be given back to me as it was considered as booty. I vainly produced the booklet and documents showing that the car waw my private property, and the German requisition bill. I sent memoranda to Milan and Turin, but they remained unaswered. I wrote to you twice, once directly, and once throught the channel of A.M.G. but I got no answer. Now I am writing again, for I am afraid that my car may get lost for good, for the cars which are in the O.M. workshop of Brescia are being sold by the Allied Authorities, after the numbers of the chassis and engine have been cancelled.

I am a doctor and an obstetrician, and I often receive urgent calls; besides, I was disabled in the war, and this makes a car still more necessary to me.

I cannot buy a new car considering the present prices, for I must provide for my wife and children.

I beg for your intervention, to have my car given back to me, for it is my private property and used for motives of public utility.

Data:
Fiat 1100 (formerly registered TO 51081)
Chassis n. 223713 Engine n. 224584
Transformed to be used with methane, Fiorentini patent.
6 tyres in good state
It is in the O.M. worshop of Brescia
No. 187 painted in red on the windshield. Berlina, four seater.
It depends from the Milan A.M.G., War Material Disposal Sub-Commission.

I thank you in advance and remain,

s. Aldo Masciotta

Via Nove Maggio, 5 - Torino

e/o

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1st Ind. to Ltr( Headquarters Allied Commission, )Vice of the Executive Commissioner, A( : 5615/100/20, dated 5 November 1945, subj: "Requisition of Vehicles". 162

AG 451 (5-4) 160 1st Ind. JHB/JHF/vcb

HEADQUARTERS ROME AREA ALLIED, APO 794, US ARMY, 13 November 1945.

NOV 15 1945

TO : Headquarters Allied Commission
Office of the Executive Commissioner
APO 394, US Army

1. Subject vehicle is in use by this Headquarters and cannot be returned at present.

2. Owner should keep in contact with Ispettorato Generale della Motorizzazione Civile, Ministero delle Communicazione, Roma.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

J. W. Baird

J. W. BAIRD
WO(J) USA
Asst Adjutant General

HEADQUARTERS 14 NOV 1945

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Info passed by word of mouth to interested party DA

CAPT BRA/BROOKS CAB 15/11

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Translation

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Party of Italian Repatriated Prisoners
The Secretary General

Rome, 8 November 1945
Via Merulana, 248

To Admiral Stone
Chief of the Allied Commission

Rome

On December 23rd, 1943, my car, a Fiat 1500, registered MA 29824, was requisitioned in Naples by the III AIR SERVICE AREA COMMAND. I asked it should be derequisitioned, and in a letter dated 21st September 1944, the AII AIR FORCE SERVICE COMMAND informed me that this wasn't possible for the time being, for the Command needed my car. On April 24th, 1945, I was told to forward my claim to the 15th AIR FORCE SERVICE COMMAND; I was also informed that the number of my car was USA 1605 - FF 2507. This Command said I should contact G-4 (A), A.C. Though I wrote to this office on August 8th, I haven't heard anything. I know that the order to hand back the car has been passed. However, I should like to know in due time whether my car is still being used by the Allies and when it will be handed over to the Italian Authorities, so that I may claim it. I greatly need this car for the requirements of the party of Italian Repatriated Prisoners. This is why I am writing to you personally, asking for your intervention so that I may be able to get my car back as soon as possible, and, directly through the Allied office concerned, if this is possible, to avoid delay and damages to the car, which was used in the common effort for victory.

Believe me,

Truly yours,

S. Edgardo Nicoletti

trans. e/c

(Original passed to Estab Sec for ACTION)

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Ref: 5815/160/EC 8 November 1945

SUBJECT: Derequisition of Vehicles

TO : Headquarters, Rome Area Allied Command

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1. Attached copy of an appeal received at this Headquarters is passed to you for consideration.

2. The case has been looked into and appears to be a deserving one, particularly as the appellant voluntarily offered the car in question in June 1944.

For the Chief Commissioner:

Capt.
Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

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HEADQUARTERS
2677th REGIMENT
OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES (PROV.)
APO 512

29 October 1945

NOV 1 1945

SUBJECT: Rental of Automobile

TO: Headquarters Allied Commission, APO 394, U. S. Army
(Attention: Office of the Executive Commissioner)

Response is made to your letter dated 15 October 1945. 146 Inclosed is copy of letter dated 22 October 1945 from this office to the U. S. Claims Service, which is self-explanatory and answers the questions raised in your letter. 157

For the Commanding Officer:

Donald C. Hays

DONALD C. HAYS
Captain, JAGD
Theater Counsel

PA Enm 2/11

(CAPT CRAYCROOKE)

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HEADQUARTERS
2677th REGIMENT
OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES (PROV.)
APO 512

22 October 1945

Your Ref. No. R-2755-PD

SUBJECT: Claim of Angelo Stanco

TO : U. S. Claims Service, Regional Office VI, APO 512, U. S. Army

1. Response is made to a letter dated 14 September 1945 from your office regarding the matter mentioned above.

2. Subject's claim has been investigated. That part of the claim which was of a contractual nature has been settled by the payment to Stanco of the sum of 7,500 Lire. There is inclosed a copy of his release.

3. This office has instructed the claimant to file a claim with your office for the taking of the tires, if he so desires. However, it is the opinion of this office that the claim for a recovery of Government property which the claimant had in his position should be disallowed. The facts set forth in claimant's letter dated 10 September 1945 appear to be substantially correct. An investigation of the matter by the undersigned uncovered some conflicting points.

It appears that Stanco, whose car had previously been requisitioned, offerred his services and car to our motor pool. He stated that the American officer who had requisitioned the car had procured United States Army tires for the car which he would not be allowed to keep unless the car were being used by Allied personnel. He was told to report to the motor pool at our headquarters in Rome. He stated that his car was in Naples and he would have to drive it to Rome.

On his way up from Naples, I understand the M.P.'s stopped him and were going to take the tires from his car. An officer in this organization who was passing by the road block vouched for Stanco, who was allowed to proceed to Rome with the United States Army tires. The M.P.'s however, instructed the officer that when Stanco ceased working for this organization, the government tires should be removed.

Stanco's work was entirely unsatisfactory. As a result, his services were terminated. His work was so unsatisfactory that the officer in charge of the motor pool refused to pay him anything. However, in order to settle any

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claim he may have for services, this organization has offered and he has accepted the sum of 7,500 Lire. At the time he was discharged, the tires were removed from the car, as appears in the sworn statement of Corporal Brandy, two copies of which are attached hereto.

For the Commanding Officer:

Donald C. Hays

DONALD C. HAYS
Captain, JAGD
Theater Counsel

2 Incls.:
Copy of release
" " statement of Cpl Brandy

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

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Ref: 5315/155/33

1 November 1945

SUBJECT: Requisitioned Vehicles

TO : Signor Ercole Dentomini,
Via Genova 13,
Rome

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1. Reference your letter of 20 October 1945.

2. As the car is in the possession of RAAC Piazza Venezia it is suggested you take this matter up direct with the authorities concerned.

f/ S. Simpson

Chief Staff Officer
to Executive Commissioner

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Rome, 26 October 1945

To : ALLIED COMMISSION - Rome

From : CENTOMINI Ercole - Via Genova 13 - Rome

The undersigned, CENTOMINI Ercole - Via Genova N.13 - Rome, owner of a car - that plied for public hire - number plate ~~targes~~ N.41328 ROMA - begs to state as follows:

On ~~the~~ 17 - 6 - 44 I ~~deliberately handed~~ voluntarily offered my car to the Allied Command of Piazza Venezia ~~so~~ who said that ~~according to their proclamations~~ they would ~~have paid~~ pay L.500 per day for the use of the car, ~~To my great disappointment~~ however up to date I ~~never~~ have received ~~anything~~ nothing.

Since that car is my only resource with which I support my family of three small children, I warmly appeal to your magnanimity if you can see a way to give me back the car in question which is actually in the hands - in very bad conditions - of MTOUSA - Piazza Venezia.

Respectfully yours

CENTOMINI ERCOLE

Documents in possession of the applicant:

Form for use in requisitioning property - United States Army Regn N. R.2339

Signed by Lt Col.Greely - Vatican Liaison Off for RAAC

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(MISS SAMPSON)

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER

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COMMISSIONE CONTROLLO ALLEATA

R O M A

Roma, 26 ottobre 1945

Il sottoscritto CENTOMINI Ercole residente in Roma, Via Genova n. 13 - propietario di un auto che era adibita al servizio pubblico da rimessa targa 41328 Roma, espone quanto appresso:

Il giorno 17/6/44 spontaneamente portai l'auto in parola al Comando di P.za Venezia dicendo che avrebbero dato L. 500.= giornaliere mentre ancora non ho riscosso nulla. Umanamente dovrebbero pensare che io ho tre bambini tutti piccoli e che l'unica risorsa per vivere era la suddetta macchina che ora è in servizio in pessimissime condizioni presso il Comando MOTUOSA di P.za Venezia.

Faccio caldo appello affinchè codesto Spett.le Comando mi possa far riprendere la mia macchina per poter riprendere il mio normale lavoro e dare ai miei figli un pezzo di pane.

Con osservanza

Centomini Ercole

N.B. Estremi di requisizione

FORM FOR USE IN REQUISITIONING PROPERTY

UNITED STATES ARMY

REQN NO R.2339

Lt. Col. GREELY - Vatican Lisson Off. for R.A.C.

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Faccio caldo appello affinchè codesto Spett.le Comando mi possa far riprendere la mia macchina per poter riprendere il mio normale lavoro e dare ai miei figli un pezzo di pane.

Con osservanza

Centomini Ercole

N.B. Estremi di requisizione

FORM FOR USE IN REQUISITIONING PROPERTY

UNITED STATES ARMY

REQN NO R.2339

Lt. Col. GREELY - Vatican Lisson Off. for R.A.C.

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5815/150/EC

27 October 1945

Dear Marchese Lucifero:

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I refer to your letter of 2 October 45 concerning the car of Dr. Caputi.

I have since heard from Rome Command and regret to inform you that the car in question is in use at AFHQ and that they do not consider it possible at the present juncture to derequisition it.

Yours very truly,

ELLERY W. STONE
ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Marchese Falcone Lucifero
Minister of the Royal Household
Rome

PA 27/10

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5815 to OCT 24 REC'D

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HEADQUARTERS ROME AREA NTOUSA
APO 794, US ARMY

AG 400 (G-4)

CEM/CAT/wkb
23 October 1945

SUBJECT: Requisitioned Vehicle.

OCT 24 1945

TO : Chief Commissioner,
Headquarters Allied Commission
APO 394, US Army.

(147)

In reply to your letter dated 19 October 1945, ref: 5815/145/EC, subject: "Requisitioned Vehicles, the Lancia Aprilia, license No. 60311, owner, Antonio Cemuti, is at present in use by AFHQ and cannot be returned.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

C. B. Murphy

C. B. MURPHY
Major AGD
Adjutant General

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(over) DAS 3410

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Exec Comm (2)

G 1639

OCT 201858A

OCT 210945A
ROUTINE

FROM: ALCOM LO PALERMO FROM MACCALLUM

TO: HQ ALCOM FOR EXECUTIVE COMMR

OCT 22 1945

UNCLASSIFIED

W/C

1. Ref your signal 7405 of 19 October 45.

2. Responsibility accepted for the 6 vehicles listed in your above signal.

3. Four of these vehicles now derequisitioned, details follow.

4. Hand over certificate completed for these 6 vehicles but due to office error copy not despatched to HQ ALCOM, copy being sent at once.

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Action - Exec O (A)
Info - Chief Commissioner
Exec Commr 2
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HEADQUARTERS
21 OCT 1945
A. - C.

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147

Ref: 5315/145/20 19 October 1945

SUBJECT: Requisitioned Vehicles

TO : RAAC

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Attached is a copy of a letter to the Chief Commissioner on the subject of a requisitioned vehicle received from the Minister of the Royal Household.

Para 1 suggests that you may have records of this car. I would be grateful if you could inform me as to the present situation regarding the vehicle in order that I may reply to the Minister.

C. R. BRAYBROOKE

Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

See file 142 9 150

B/U 26/10

20/10

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# HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

ESTABLISHMENT SECTION

(148)

File

Date 18 Oct

FROM TO

Ex. Commissioner

Staff Officer

Executive Officer (A)

Executive Officer (B)

G-1 (A)

G-1 (B)

G-4 (A)

G-4 (B)

Headquarters Commandant

Adjutant

(147)

FOR:

Comment — See note below - this car is not
Draft of reply
Investigation and report — under control
Answer
Signature — of Ser. Sec.
Approval/Disapproval
Your Information — you letter
Your File — should go to
Return, please — Transportation S/C.

Capt Amoroso's note on 147 re 2696 Regt was an assumption by the Sergt. he considers RAAC the better unit.

(CAPT BRAYBROOKE) 19/10

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# HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

ESTABLISHMENT SECTION (47)

File 0 Date 9 Oct

| FROM | TO |
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| | Deputy Ex. Commissioner |
| | Staff Officer |
| | Executive Officer (A) |
| | Executive Officer (B) |
| | G-1 (A) |
| | G-1 (B) |
| | G-4 (A) |
| | G-4 (B) |
| | Headquarters Commandant |
| | Adjutant |

FOR:
Comment
Draft of reply
Investigation and report
Answer
Signature
Approval/Disapproval
Your Information
Your File
Return, please

Is this one of ours?

Police 135 Refugees

No: it belongs to 2646 Regt. Engrs.

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Ref: 5815/144/EC 15 October 45

SUBJECT: Rental of Automobile

TO : 2677 Regt CSS (Prov)
APO 512
(Attention: Capt Donald C. Hays)

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1. Reference your letter of 11 October 45 on above subject in reply to my 5815/121/EC of 27 September 45.

2. I would be most grateful if you could let me know of the results of the settlement which you say will be taking place in the near future.

For the Chief Commissioner:

F. H. McCLEARY

Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

BLV (A) 17/10

Noted Rd 22/10.

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Ex. Comm R

HEADQUARTERS
2677th REGIMENT
OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES (PROV.)
APO 512

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11 October 1945

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OCT 13 1945

Ref: Your No. 5815/121/G

SUBJECT: Rental of automobile

TO : Headquarters Allied Commission, APO 394 (Attention Executive Commissioner, Office of the Chief Commissioner).

Response is made to your letter of 27 September 1945 regarding the matter mentioned above. An investigation has already been made of Angelo Stancofs claim, and a proper settlement should be made in the near future.

For the Commanding Officer:

12 OCT 1945

Donald C. Hays
DONALD C. HAYS
Captain, JAGD
Theater Counsel

Ans 144

(Capt Baker Brooks)

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref: 5815/147/EC

12 October 1945

SUBJECT: Illegal Requisition of Car

TO : Air Forces Subcommission

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1. Reference your AFSC/876/M.T. dated 11 October 1945, subject "Illegal Requisitioning of Fiat 1100 Reg. M.I. 65016."

2. The enclosure (in duplicate) to your letter under reference is returned herewith, with the request that you pursue this matter direct with HQ 2 District, the appropriate military Headquarters.

3. This is a routine matter and in accordance with Office Memorandum No. 17 of 13 October 1944 action does not require to issue over the signature of the Executive Commissioner.

F. H. McCLEARY

Chief Staff Officer
To Executive Commissioner

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From: Air Forces Sub-Commission,
Allied Commission, ROME.

To: Executive Commissioner,
Allied Commission, ROME. (2 copies)

OCT 1945

Date: 11th October, 1945.

Ref: AFSC/876/M.T.

Illegal Requisitioning of Fiat 1100 Reg. MI.65016.

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1. Forwarded herewith is a report received from the Italian Air Ministry concerning the illegal seizure of a Fiat 1100 RGD. MI 65016 in the BOLZANO area on 30th August, 1945.

2. As it would appear that the A.M.G. office in BRUNICO was informed of the case at the time, it would be appreciated if a report giving the present position could be called for.

3. If the circumstances are as set out in the attached report it would appear that most energetic measures should be taken to obtain immediate restitution of the vehicle in question.

A. H. KNOWLES,
Wing Commander,
for Air Vice Marshal,
Air Officer Commanding.

Copy to: Italian Air Ministry,
Direzione dei Servizi.
(letter 803622/Serv./5359 Coll. dated 26 Sep 45 refers).

(TYPIST sim Pencil)

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EXCOMM 141

NXII/ADM/191
OCT 101700

C/603
OCT 110930A
ROUTINE

FROM: HQ AMZON VENEZUELA REGION
TO : ATCOM

OCT 11 1945

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UNCLASSIFIED.

Reference your cable 6521 of 4 October.

RMO checking up in Provinces. Accurate information following soonest on his return.

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INFO CHIEF COMMISSIONER
EXEC COMMISSIONER 2
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F-Rm 12/10.

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11 OCT 1945

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October 45

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Dear Marchese Lucifero:

I thank you for your letter of 2 October 45 concerning the car of Dr. Caputi.

I am causing enquiries to be made and hope to be able to let you have some news shortly.

Yours very truly,

M. S. LUSH

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Marchese Falcone Lucifero
Minister of the Royal Household
Rome

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Capt Braybrooke:

Copies of any further reports will be sent you of G-4 (A), marked "for file 5815." cc file 13c

10/10 ENS 11/10

133 = duplicate of top one ENS 11/10

M Leonard Capt AGD

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: PR/TPn 18
Date/Time of Origin: OCT 6/1620A

Message Centre No: G 222
Date Time Rec'd: OCT 6/2000A
Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: REGIONAL TPTN OFFICER PIEMONTE REGION

TO : HQ ALCOM

OCT 10 1945

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RESTRICTED

Reference your signal 6521 50% of requisitioned civilian motor vehicles have derequisitioned as of 29 September 1945 for PIEMONTE Region.

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: 2013
Date/Time of Origin: OCT 5/1515A

Message Centre No: G/130
Date Time Rec'd: OCT 5/1650
Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: AMG LOMBARDIA REGION FOR HANCOCK SIGNED LOMBARD

TO : ALCOM ROME ACEXC

OCT 10 1945

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RESTRICTED

Reference your 6521 of 4 October 1945. Subject reduction of requisitioned vehicles. Twenty five percent of vehicles derequisitioned or turned over to IDM. Rest of vehicles 57 turned over on shipping tickets to COO pending inactivation of LOMBARDIA Region at which time vehicles will be dere-quisitioned

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INFO CHIEF COMMISSIONER
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref: 5815/133/EC

9 October 45

SUBJECT: Derequisition of Vehicle

TO : Establishment Section

131

1. Attached is a copy of a letter to the Chief Commissioner on the subject of requisitioned vehicles received from the Minister of the Royal Household.

2. Would you please investigate the matter to see what possibility there may be of derequisition.

C.F. BRAYBROOKE
Chief Staff Officer
To Executive Commissioner

1 Incl.

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5815 Ref

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PR/TPN/17
OCT 5/NFT

G/206
OCT 6/1400A
ROUTINE

FROM: REGIONAL TPN OFFICER PIEMONTE REGION
TO : HQ AICOM TRANSPORTATION SUB COMMISSION

OCT - 6 1945

MR EC

RESTRICTED.

1. Reference your signal 5142 paragraph 1 50% of requisition civilian motor vehicleshhave been derequisitioned as of 29 September 1945

HEADQUARTERS
6 OCT 1945
A. C.

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ESTAB Sec.

ACTION : EX COMMISSIONER

INFO : CHIEF COMMISSIONER
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Translation

The Minister of the Royal Household

1008/65 Rome, 2 October 1965

OCT -5 1965

Dear Admiral,

Mr. Antonio Ceputi, living in n. 20 of Viale Gorizia, asked for the intervention of H.R.H. the Lieutenant General to obtain the derequisition of his car Lancia Aprilia, registered Rome 80911, requisitioned in July last by the Allied Command of Rome - U.S.A. Army.

It seems this car is now being used by Major Conner (ZONCOM-CO.HF.Sq.).

Mr. Ceputi directly manages large agricultural concerns, which taken as a whole amount to 1500 hectares, and are located in the Catanzaro province and without direct means of communications; he therefore urgently needs a car, the more so as he is the president of the farmers organization for the Catanzaro province, and is therefore obliged often to go to town, in the interest of the farmers.

On the other hand, another car belonging to Mr. Ceputi has already been requisitioned by the Allied Command of Catanzaro, and he thinks it had been destroyed.

In accordance with the intentions of His Royal Highness, and taking in consideration the requirements of the farmers organization in the Catanzaro Province, I drew your personal attention on this matter for whatever action you will deem it advisable to take.

Thanking you for your kind intervention and for any answer you will let me have on this matter, I remain, my dear Admiral,

Very truly yours,

S. Lucifero

(S. Lucifero) See 138

Minister of the Royal Household

(Copies to Gen Wilson)

Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
Rome

trans. o/c

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(CAN Wilson) (5 Copies)

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IL MINISTRO DELLA REAL CASA

Roma, li 2 ottobre 1943

OCT 3 RECD

Illustre Ammiraglio,

Il Dott. Antonio Caputi qui residente al n. 20 di Viale Parioli, ha sollecitato il patrocinio di S.A.R. il Luogotenente Generale al fine di ottenere la restituzione della sua autovettura Lancia del tipo Aprilia, targata Roma 90311, requisitagli nel luglio dello scorso anno dal Comando Alleato di Roma - Armata degli U.S.A.

Tale automobile troverebbesi ora in uso al Maggiore Sommer (AFHQ HQ.TC.TF.Mo.).

Il ricorrente, conduttore diretto di varie aziende agricole di complessivi 1500 ettari situate in provincia di Catanzaro e prive di mezzi diretti di comunicazione, trovasi nell'urgente necessità di poter disporre di una macchina, tanto più che egli è presidente dell'Organizzazione degli Agricoltori per la Provincia di Catanzaro ed in tale qualità deve, nell'esclusivo interesse della comunità agricola far capo sovente al capoluogo.

D'altra parte il Dott. Caputi ha già avuta requisita dal Comando Alleato di Catanzaro altra macchina che questa possa anche distrutta.

Secondo le intenzioni di S.A. Altezza Reale e tenuto conto soprattutto delle prospettate esigenze dell'organizzazione degli Agricoltori della Provincia di Catanzaro, non

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Illustre
Ammiraglio Ellery W. STONE
Commissario Capo della Commissione Alleata

R O M A

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esito a segnalare la cosa alla Sua personale attenzione per quanto crederà di poter fare nel senso desiderato.

Grato fin d'ora per ogni Suo premuroso interessamento e per il cenno che vorrà avere la bontà di favorire in proposito La prego di voler gradire, Illustre Ammiraglio, i miei più cordiali saluti.

Dev.mo

F. Imoriare
(Ammiraglio della Real Casa)

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Capt. MONTANT

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FOR ACTION REGIONAL COMMISSIONER PIEMONTE REGION RPTD FOR ACTION LOMBARDIA REGION RPTD FOR ACTION VENEZIA REGION

6521 4 OCTOBER 45 ROUTINE

RESTRICTED PD

SUBJECT IS REDUCTION OF REQUISITIONED MOTOR VEHICLES

PARA ONE PD REFERENCE SIGNAL SUBJECT REDUCTION OF REQUISITIONED MOTOR VEHICLES CITE FIVE ONE FOUR TWO SENT YOU ONE ONE SEPTEMBER FOUR FIVE PD

PAREN TO FOR ACTION REGIONAL COMMISSIONER PIEMONTE REGION RPTD FOR ACTION LOMBARDIA REGION RPTD FOR ACTION VENEZIA REGION FROM AIGOM CITE AGEXG PAREN

PARA TWO PD NO REPLY HAS BEEN RECEIVED SHOWING STATUS AS OF TWO NINE SEPTEMBER FOUR FIVE PD PLEASE EXPEDITE

SEE F 136-135
SEE F 140

EXECUTIVE OFFICER (US)

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C. M. PANKIN
Colonel, Infantry

C. J. LEONE
CWO USA
ASSISTANT ADJUTANT

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PRIORITY

FROM: AMG LIGURIA REGION

TO : ALCOM CITE ACHAC

OCT - 1 1945

INFO

RESTRICTED.

Reference your 5142 dated 11 September.

50% civilian vehicles have been dersquisitioned and handed to proper authorities as of this date. Signed WICKENS.

DIST

ACTION: Ext Sec
INFO: Chief Commissioner
Ex Commissioner 2
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HEADQUARTERS
20 SEP 1945
A. C.

(CAPT WHITE)

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Ref: 5815/121/EC

2 October 1945

(101)

I refer to Sir D'Arcy Osborne's letter 14/116/45 of 25 August 45 regarding the Alfa Romeo of Princess Giustiniani Bandini

I very much regret that the instructions from higher authority are quite specific in stating that all requisitioned vehicles, on derequisition, are to be turned over to the Italian Government and not the individual.

However, if, perhaps, the British Legation made representations to the Ispettorato di Motorizzazione the desired result might be achieved.

Yours Sincerely

M.S. Lush

P. Leigh-Smith, Esq.
British Legation to the Holy See
14 Via del Parlamento
Rome

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSIO
APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

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Ref: 5015/121/20 27 September 1945

SUBJECT: Rental of automobile

TO : 2677 Regt OSS (Prov)
APO 512 (Attn: Lt. Col Wm. P. Maddox)

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1. The attached complaint from eng. Stenio Angelo is transmitted to you for appropriate action.

2. I would personally appreciate it if you would take such corrective measures as the facts warrant. The reputation of OSS in Italy has been of the highest order and it would be unfortunate if improper and arbitrary acts of individuals were permitted to tarnish it at this date.

3. This Headquarters has naturally not undertaken to verify the allegations of the complaint and my expression of concern is, of course, based on the assumption that the facts are as alleged.

For the Chief Commissioner:

Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

Encl: Complaint from eng. Stenio Angelo

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the Chief Commissioner
APO 394

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25 September 1945

CSO to Executive Commissioner:

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SEP 26 1945

Please draft letter for Executive Commissioner's signature to Lt Col William P. Maddox, 2677 Regiment OSS (Prov), APO 512, inviting his attention diplomatically to the conduct of two of his soldiers as noted in para 4 of the attached letter and to the effect that we appreciate that he would personally want to see that this matter was properly corrected, that OSS's reputation in Italy has been of the highest order, and that such action does not reflect credit on the Allied Forces.

T. W. STEARNS
Major, AGD
SO to CC

(CSA)

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Transition

Rome, 25 September 1945

Office of the Chief Commissioner
Headquarters Allied Commission - Via Veneto
Rome

The writer, sig. STANCO Angelo, living in Rome, Lungotevere Flaminio, n. 60, vainly sent claims to the Tyres & Tubes office of the A.C., to the Claims Service and to APO 512; he is now obliged to appeal to this office to have justice done:

A short time after the occupation of Rome by the Allied Forces, in 1944, Major Philips Caporal, Provost Marshal of the 12th T.A.C., stationed in Naples, came to the house of the undersigned, asking to use his car (Lancia Aprilia - registered Rome 56190) against a daily payment of Lire 260, and saying that if he refused to hand over the car, he would have it requisitioned at once.

The undersigned who had and still has great sympathy for the Allies, knew that without his car he couldn't exercise his profession (engineer) for he has been disabled by war; however, he didn't hesitate in complying with the Major's wish. The Major went at once to the requisition office of Palazzo Venezia, where he had the particulars of the car registered, and told the undersigned that the car would be used by him only, and handled carefully, because of the comprehension he had shown, and that, as soon as he no longer needed the car, the would hand it back to the writer personally. In fact, true to his word, he handed back the car on February 29th, in perfect state, but for the tyres which had been replaced by allied tyres as the tyres of the undersigned had worn out during this time. As for the payment of L. 260 a day, the Major said that, because of new regulations, he couldn't pay them. The undersigned was satisfied by this explanation, and pleased to have been able to cooperate with the Allied Forces. He thanked the Major for handing back the car and for taking good care of it.

The writer used his car till April 28th, when Sergeant Bradford and private Brandy, doing service in APO 512, via della Camilluccia, 86, asked to hire the car for 500 Lire a day, adding that if he refused, they would have the car requisitioned. The undersigned said he was willing to let them have the car, and offered to drive the car personally. On the next day he took service with the said Allied command. He did this service for a month, day and night, and finally, asked for the promised salary, for he had no other means to maintain his family. Lt. Galei told him to be quiet, for he would certainly be paid. The writer did service for another 13 days, and again asked the lt. to be paid. Another evasive answer was given to him; the writer who didn't know how to cope with daily expenses told the lt. that he wasn't coming with the car on the next day, for his work wasn't being paid, while other cars depending from the said lt. were regularly paid. On the next day, as the writer hadn't gone to work, private Brandy came, saying he had been ordered to take the tyres away; the said tyres, as it has been said before, had been given to him by Major Caporal, in compensation for his own tyres, no longer serviceable after the Major had used them for a while. However, private Brandy wouldn't be convinced, and the writer handed him his five tyres.

The writer went several times to Via della Camilluccia, 86, to present for the taking of the tyres, and to obtain the 21.000 Lire owed to him for a month and 13 days work, but Lt. Galei would never receive him, and up to now, he hasn't received anything. In other words, the writer is now without tyres, and unable to work for having been friendly with the Allied forces.

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The writer asks for the kind intervention of this office, to obtain the 21.500 lire that Lt. Halsi owes him, and also 5 allied tyres size 6,00 - 16, for without his car, he cannot make a living for his family.

Trusting that this office will not put the head of a family in a position where he cannot support his children, the writer states he is willing to pay for the tyres, if this office cannot let him have them free; he is willing to take five unserviceable tyres.

Yours sincerely,

S. Angelo Stanco

Lungotevere Flaminio, 60
R o m e

ING. M. STANCO
ROMA
Telefono:592617

Roma, 25 Settembre 1945 116

ALL'ONOREVOLE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER
HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION - VIA VENETO -

ROMA

Il sottoscritto, ing. STANCO Angelo, domiciliato in Roma alla via Lungotevere Flaminio n.69, dopo aver presentato invano ricorso all'Ufficio Tires & Tubes di codesta On.le Commissione, al Claims Service ed all'Apo 512, si vede costretto a ricorrere a codesto On.le Ufficio per ottenere un provvedimento di giustizia su quanto segue:

Poco dopo l'occupazione di Roma da parte delle Forze Alleate, nel 1944, si presentò al domicilio del sottoscritto il Maggiore Philips Caporal, Provost Marchal presso il 12° A.A.C. di stanza a Napoli, per chiedergli in uso la di lui automobile (marca Lancia Aprilia-targa Roma n.56190) previo compenso giornaliero di L.260 avvertendolo che, ove si fosse rifiutato di consegnargli la macchina, avrebbe subito provveduto a farla requisire.

Il sottoscritto che nutriva e nutre grande simpatia per le Forze Alleate, pur sapendo che senza la macchina si sarebbe ridotto a non poter esercitare la propria professione d'ingegnere essendo un grand'invalido di guerra, non esitò ad accontentare il suddetto Maggiore. Questi si fece subito accompagnare all'Ufficio requisizione di Palazzo Venezia ove fece prendere nota degli estremi della macchina e dichiarò al sottoscritto che la stessa sarebbe stata usata solamente da lui e con tutti i riguardi in considerazione della cortese comprensione incontrata e che, non appena la macchina stessa gli si fosse dimostrata non più necessaria, l'avrebbe riconsegnata personalmente al sottoscritto. Ed in omaggio alla verità, da perfetto ufficiale, il 25 febbraio c.a. gli riconsegnava la macchina in perfetto stato, eccezion fatta per le gomme che erano state sostituite con gomme alleate poichè quelle di proprietà del sottoscritto si erano nel frattempo consumate. Per quanto riguarda la corresponsione al sottoscritto del compenso promesso di L.260 giornaliere il suddetto Maggiore dichiarò che, per sopravvenute nuove disposizioni, non poteva più corrisponderlo. Il sottoscritto si ritenne soddisfatto da tale spiegazione e contento d'aver potuto così fornire un piccolo contributo di riconoscenza per le Forze Alleate, e ringraziò il Maggiore per la restituzione della macchina e per i riguardi avuti per essa.

Il sottoscritto s'è servito della propria macchina fino al giorno 26 aprile c.a., giorno in cui si presentarono a lui il Sergente BRADFORD ed il soldato BRADY, in servizio presso l'APO 512 sito in Via della Camilluccia n.86, per chiedergli in fitto la detta automobile previo compenso giornaliero di L.500, avvertendolo che, ove si fosse rifiutato, avrebbero provveduto a requisire la macchina stessa. Il sottoscritto si dichiarò pronto ad accontentare i detti militari e si offrì di andare personalmente con la propria macchina; ed il giorno successivo, infatti, prese servizio presso il detto Comando Alleato. Prestò così servizio per un mese di giorno e di notte ed alla fine chiese il promesso compenso non avendo altri mezzi per far vivere la propria famiglia. Gli fu risposto dal Tenente Halei di star tranquillo perchè sarebbe stato certamente pagato. Il sottoscritto prestò servizio per altri 15 giorni e poi si ripresentò al suddetto Tenente per ottenere quanto gli era dovuto per il suo lavoro. Gli fu risposto ancora evasivamente, mentre il sottoscritto non sapeva più come fare per far fronte alle spese di famiglia, per cui avvertì il detto Tenente che il giorno successivo non si sarebbe presentato al lavoro con la macchina, visto che la sua opera non la si retribuiva, mentre le altre macchine che prestavano servizio alle dipendenze del

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lo stesso Tenente erano state regolarmente pagate.Ma il giorno successivo,che il sottoscritto non s'era presentato al lavoro,si presentò il soldato Brandy dicendo d'aver ordine di ritirargli le gomme,gomme che,come sopra è detto,gli erano state consegnate dal Maggiore Caporali in compenso delle 5 gomme di proprietà del sottoscritto da lui consumate.Ma il soldato Brandy non volle conoscere ragioni ed il sottoscritto gli consegnò le 5 gomme.

Il sottoscritto si recò varie volte a via della Camilluccia 86 al fine di protestare presso il Tenente Malei per il ritiro delle gomme e per ottenere le L.21500 dovutegli per un mese e 15 giorni di servizio prestato,ma non fu mai ricevuto,né finora ha ottenuto nulla.In altri termini il sottoscritto è restato senza gomme,e quindi in condizioni di non poter lavorare,per essersi dimostrato sempre gentile con le Forze Alleate.-

Il sottoscritto chiede,pertanto,l'intervento autorevolissimo di codesto On.le Ufficio al fine di ottenere sia le L.21500 dovutegli dal Tenente Malei che 5 gomme alleate della misura 6.00 - 16,poichè con la propria macchina ferma egli non è in condizioni di far vivere la propria famiglia.

Nella certezza che codesto on.le Ufficio non rifiuterà di mettere un padre di famiglia in condizioni di far vivere i propri cari,il sottoscritto dichiara che,ove codesto On.le Ufficio non potesse addivenire alla concessione gratuita delle suddette gomme,egli è anche disposto a pagarne l'importo,ed ove anche ciò non fosse possibile egli si contenterebbe di 5 gomme fuori uso.

Distinti ossequi e ringraziamenti.-

Sup. Stanco

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Establishment Section

Ref/93/22/EST 25 September 1945

SEP 26 1945

SUBJECT: Derequisition of Car

TO : Executive Commissioner

113

1. Reference is made to your 5815/113/EC .of 18 September.

2. It is regretted that current instructions from higher authority are quite specific in stating that all requisitioned vehicles, upon derequisition, are to be turned over to the Italian Government, and not to the individual.

3. The British Embassy might make representations to the Ispettorato di Motorizzazione, to the end that the vehicle in question might be returned to its owner as soon as possible.

C. M. PARKIN,
Colonel, Inf.,
Actg Vice President.

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ENS 4/60 pv letter to Embassy as above
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5313/113/EC

18 September 1945

SUBJECT: Derequisition of Car

TO : Establishment Section

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1. Sir D'Arcy Osborne, British Minister to the Holy See, has written to the Executive Commissioner with reference to Princess Giustiniani-Bandini's car, an Alfa Romeo, 6 cylinder, which was requisitioned on 27 September 1944; requisition no. 6904, by Lazio-Umbria Region.

2. It is stated that the car was used formerly by Major G.R.G. Sutherland, Agriculture Division of Lazio-Umbria Region.

3. Princess Giustiniani-Bandini is Dowager Countess of Newburgh and her daughter, Countess Gravina di Ramacca is Countess of Newburgh in her own right.

4. Sir D'Arcy Osborne states that the car is about to be derequisitioned and requests that steps be taken to exempt the car from requisition by the Italian authorities.

5. Princess Giustiniani-Bandini is aged and very infirm, and, in view of the fact that the Princess and her daughter are both Peeresses of the United Kingdom, it would be appreciated if some effort could be made to permit them to retain the car when it is derequisitioned.

6. It would be appreciated if you would inform this office what reply may be given to Sir D'Arcy Osborne.

E. Whittaker

Chief Staff Officer
to Executive Commissioner

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Ref: 5815/106/EC

17 September 1945

My dear Mr. Leigh Smith:

Reference is made to your letter 14/123/45 of 7 September regarding the release from requisition of an Alfa-Romeo motor car bearing AC HQ No. 41 to Baron Alfonso Barracco.

Upon receipt of your letter I referred it to the appropriate authorities who have informed me that "current directives governing derequisitioning of civilian motor vehicles make it compulsory to return vehicles to the Ispettorato Compartimentale della Motorizazione and not to owner.

"Subject vehicle is at present still needed by AC and at such time as it is no longer required it will be delivered to the Ispettorato Compartimentale della Motorizazione in Rome for disposition in accordance with Italian Legislature Decree No. 46 of 1 February 1945."

I therefore regret that nothing further can be done regarding Baron Barracco's motor car at the present time.

Sincerely yours,

A. E ARNOLDY

Mr. P. Leigh Smith
c/o British Legation to the Holy See
14 Via del Parlamento
Rome

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BRITISH LEGATION
TO THE HOLY SEE.
~~14 VIA GOLO DA TOLENTINO~~
~~ROME (5)~~

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14 Via del Parlamento,
Rome.

14/125/45

14th September, 1945.

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SEP 17 1945

Dear Brigadier Lush,

I refer to your 5815/105/EC of 11th September 1945, on the subject of the release from requisition of Princess Giustiniani-Bandini's motor car.

The following particulars have been supplied by the Princess:-

Requisition No. 6904
Date 27th September, 1944
Type Alfa Romeo 2300 6 cylinders
Motor 813090
Chassis 823153
Condition New.

The signature on the requisition form of the C.M.P. 1st Lieutenant is illegible, but is followed by "O-1797607" as ASN. The requisitioning Headquarters is given as Lazio-Umbia Region.

Princess Bandini informs me that her car was formerly at the service of Major G.R.G. Sutherland, Agriculture Division, Via Lucullo 6.

It is hoped that the above details will assist in identifying and locating the vehicle, which is urgently needed by the aged and crippled owner.

Yours sincerely,

P. Leigh Lush

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Brigadier M.S. Lush, C.B.E., M.C.,
Headquarters,
Allied Commission,
Rome.

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SEP 161035
ROUTINE
SEP 17 1945

FROM: HQ ARC VENICE REGION
TO : ALCOM ACEXC

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RESTRICTED.

Reference your signal 5142 of 11 September 45.

Programme of handing back of vehicles well in hand. Due to certain provinces handing back to American and others to British sources and to slowness of communications to outlying provinces not able to state actual numbers. Numbers will be reported at earliest date.

HEADQUARTERS
16 SEP 1945
A. C.

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SEP 151600

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ROUTINE

FROM: AFHQ TOMBARDIA REGION SIGNED POLETTI

TO : MS ALCOM

SEP 17 1945

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RESTRICTED.

Ref cable 5142 subject reduction of requisitioned motor vehicles. 25 per cent have been derequisitioned or handed back to owner or Italian desingnated agency.

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16 SEP 1945
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SEP 141930B
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FROM: AMG LIGURIA REGION
TO: HQ ALCOM CITE ACEXC

NMB SEP 15 1945

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Ref your signal 5142 of 11 September subject Reduction of Requisitioned Motor Vehicles received yesterday. Impossible comply para A by 15 September. Propose signal you reduction to 50 percent by 29 September. End signed WICKENS;

HEADQUARTERS
15 SEP 1945

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Info:- Chief Commissioner
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# ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
## INTER OFFICE MEMO

Ext. 477

From: Office of G-4 (A)
Sixth Floor, Room 13

FJA/cd

SUBJECT: Derequisition of Vehicle

FILE No.

TO: Office of Exec. Commissioner

14 September 1945

ATTENTION: Capt. J.B. Arnoldy

SEP 15 1945

1. Current directives governing derequisitioning of Civilian motor vehicles make it compulsary to return vehicles to the Ispettorato Compartimentale delle Motorizazzione and not to owner.

2. Subject vehicle is at present still needed by AC and at such time as it is no longer required it will be delivered to the Ispettorato Compartimentale delle Motorizazzione in Rome for disposition in accordance with Italian Legislature Decree No. 46 of 1 February 1945.

F.J. AMORUSO
Maj. Lt., Inf.
Asst G-4 (A)

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Ref: 5815/106/EC

11 September 1945

SUBJECT: Derequisition of Vehicle

TO : Establishment Section

103

1. Enclosed is copy of a letter, 14/123/45 of 7 September 45 from the British Legation to the Holy See with reference to an Alfa-Romeo car bearing AC No. HQ 41 which is owned by Baron Alfonzo Barracco, a personal friend of Sir D'Arcy Osborne, British Minister to the Holy See.

2. It would be appreciated if you would inform this office what can be done in order to derequisition this car.

A. B. ARNOLDY.

Chief Staff Officer
To Executive Commissioner

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Ref: 5815/105/EC

11 September 1945

SUBJECT: Derequisition of Vehicle

TO : British Legation to the Holy See

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1. Reference is made to your letter 14/116/45 of 25 August regarding the automobile of Princess Giustiniani-Bandini.

2 Before any action can be taken, it would be appreciated if you could inform this office complete details as to what Allied authorities have requisitioned the vehicle and any other information that would help to identify or locate it.

For The Chief Commissioner:

A. B.

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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BRITISH LEGATION
TO THE HOLY SEE.
BY VIA S. NICOLÒ DA TOLENTINO.
ROME (5)

1, Via del Parlamento,
Rome.

14/123/45

September 7th, 1945.

Dear Brigadier Lush,

Sir D'Arcy Osborne has received a request from Barone Alfonzo Barracco, a personal friend, to do what he can to help in the release from requisition of his Alfa-Romeo car, which now bears the Allied Commission number H. Q. 41.

Barone Barracco, who possesses large properties in Calabria, has urgent need of transport in connection with his agricultural activities in that region.

I should be very grateful if you would do what you can to satisfy this request, as the car is the only vehicle which the Barone now possesses.

I understand that the Italian Minister of Agriculture, Signor Gullo, appealed some time ago to the Commission in this sense but has received no reply.

Yours sincerely,

P. Jaquard

Brigadier M.S. Lush; C.B.E., M.C.,
Headquarters,
Allied Commission,
Rome.

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BRITISH LEGATION
TO THE HOLY SEE.
61 VIA S. NICOLÒ DA TOLENTINO
ROME (6)
14 Via del Parlamento,
Rome.

14/116/45

August 25th, 1945.

AUG 28 1945

Dear Brigadier Lush,

Princess Giustiniani-Bandini (who is also the Dowager Countess of Newburgh) and her daughter Countess Gravina di Ramacca, Countess of Newburgh in her own right, have asked me to do what I can to ensure that their car, an Alfa Romeo-6 cylinder, Number Rome 55585, which is about to be de-requisitioned, will be exempt from requisition by the Italian authorities. The vehicle was requisitioned on September 30, 1944, by the Allied Authorities.

As the Princess is aged and very infirm, and in view of the fact that they are both Peeresses of the United Kingdom perhaps some certificate might be given to them authorizing them to retain the car.

I should be very grateful for anything that you might be able to do to satisfy their request.

Yours sincerely,

D. G. Osborne.

Brigadier M.S. Lush, C.B., M.C.,
Headquarters,
Allied Commission,
Rome.

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21 Agosto 1945

Sig.Egisto Galvetti
Viale del Policlinico 131
Roma.

Con riferimento al suo sposto dell'8 corrente, siamo spiacenti di comunicare che la sua domanda tendente ad ottenere la dere-quisizione del veicolo non puo' essere accolta.

Non appena il suo automobile non sara' piu' utile a questa Commissione, esso verra' consegnato all'Ispettorato della Motorizzazione.

FRANK J. AMORUSO
1st Lt., Infantry

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Translation

Rome, 8 August 1945
Viale del Policlinico, n. 131

AUG 10 1945

Sir,

On June 28th, I sent a report to the President of the Council of Ministers, asking, for urgent motives of work, to have my car derequisitioned, for the officer to whom it had been allotted in June 1944, had handed it back to the High Command ever since March 30th 1945, for he had been transferred North with his office.

In a letter from his private Secretariat, dated July 16th, of which I enclose the original, the President asked me a few particulars, and I hastened to send them to him on July 18th, together with a letter of explanations.

To save time, I take the liberty of forwarding a copy of the requisition bill, trusting in your democratic comprehension to obtain an order of derequisition.

I remain,

Yours sincerely,

S. Salvetti

Enclosures.

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(Original passed for ACTION to Estab Sec)

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**Translation**

Private Secretariat of the
President of the Council of Ministers

n.2992 Rome, 16 July 1945

To Mr. Egisto SALVETTI
Viale del Policlinico 131
R o m e

The President of the Council has received your note of June 28th.

To see whether an intervention for the derequisition of your car is possible, we require the following particulars:

1) - particulars of the derequisition bill;

2) - the office or organization which ordered the requisition.

The Chief of the Secretariat
(Giovanni Mira)

s. G. Mira

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JUL 29 1945

HQ BRITISH TROOP FUBAN
AICOM ROME

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For Lt Col TALBOT from Brig MACCARTHY reference letter G 1B/118/9/P of 18 July from AICOM to Civil Affairs Branch MIDDLE EAST concerning car requisitoned from ASTI.

1. All arrangements for requisitioning were handled by Major DRAGE who informed me shortly before I left ROME that arrangements in order.

2. Car was being used Major MAGNUS at time of accident.

3. MAGNUS made arrangements with GALAGE and ASTI and was responsible for settlement

4. I understand ADTI made mistake of removing car from garage instead of leaving MAGNUS make arrangements for repair.

5. Suggest. You get full reports from these officers also Colonel FAVA. Very grateful if you could please arrange. Best wishes.

C1V3 Would you please take steps to get these reports earliest. On Fava see Patriots Branch.

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Principe Amedeo 82
BARI

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1 July 1945.

FLEET COMMANDER ROYAL MARINE OFFR.
BRIG. NEVILLE
N A P L E S,
Excelsior Hotel.

JUL 11 1945

Sir,

I beg you to kindly take an interest in the facts herewith exposed, as so far I have never been able to obtain any satisfactory decision in my special case.

On Nov 12th 1943 my car LANCIA TYPE AUGUSTA 18 HP 4 Cyl. Target BA 6276, locked up in my garage in Casamicciola, Island of Ischia, has been taken away in the presence of Carabinieri - Marshal D'Amico by Lieut. R.N. Simpson, Base Ischia Command. To do this, the door of the garage was forced open, inspite of the fact, that my son was present in Casamicciola.

Lieut. Simpson, instead of giving me a requisition sheet, handed a simple confirmation, written on to the back of a hotel-bill, to the Carabinieri-Marshal. As this confirmation naturally was entirely unsatisfactory to me, I begged Lieut. Simpson to let me have a regular requisition-sheet, but the officer, annoyed by my request, even reclaimed and destroyed the confirmation, given to the Carabinieri-Marshal.

Though I had previously declared, that the car was lacking tyres, dynamo and other accessories, I too gladly offered it to the Allied Forces, but always insisting on a regular requisition. Lieut. Simpson nevertheless gave orders for me to be arrested. 2 hours later I found that in the meantime Lt. Simpson together with a 1st Lieut Gibbons from the same Command had transported the car to the Town of Ischia.

I immediately made a report to the Italian Carabinieri, which forwarded the same to the Governor of the island. The next day I was summoned by Capt. White - Governor for Civil Affairs on Ischia. Present was Carabinieri-Marshal Balcone.

The Governor regretting the incident, set me immediately free, promising that the Authorities would investigate the case and consequently inform me of the results.

Shortly later it was necessary for me to leave the Island of Ischia for Bari, and not having received a reply by Dec 23rd 1943, I put in a complaint at Claims and Hirings in that city. Capt. Harvey of this office requested me to prove the ownership of the car, which had always been registered at the competent Italian Offices and left at my own disposition, as the Italian Army had no use for this special type. Claims and Hirings, Bari were fully contented with my documents and explanations and got in touch with their Naples - Branch, in order to obtain the restitution of the car.

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Principe Amedeo 82
BARI

1 July 1945.

FLEET COMMANDER ROYAL MARINE OFFR.
BRIG. NEVILLE
N A P L E S,
Excelsior Hotel.

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Though I had previously declared, that the car was lacking tyres, dynamo and other accessories, I too gladly offered it to the Allied Forces, but always insisting on a regular requisition. Lieut. Simpson nevertheless gave orders for me to be arrested. 24 hours later I found that in the meantime Lt. Simpson together with a 1st Lieut Gibbons from the same Command had transported the car to the Town of Ischia.

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(Capt Arnold)

(Ord Insts Exec Assistant)

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PROTO ANDREA
Principe Amedeo 82
BARI

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Finally on April 15th 1944 I was called to appear before Maj Burr of Claims and Hirings Naples, who seemed extremely astonished, that the car had not yet been rendered to me. Later I was notified by Maj Burr that he would take a personal interest and come to Ischia for further investigation.

After many months of fruitless waiting, Claims and Hirings, Bari tried in Nov 44 in vain to get a decision from their Naples Branch. In the meantime the car had been taken over by Lt. Gibbons, stationed in Ischia, who is keeping it in a garage in Naples and using it only occasionally.

On June 1st 1945 I paid another visit to Claims and Hirings Naples, where I was told, that their office would not take any further steps concerning the restitution of the car, and that it would be best for me to deal directly with the Royal Navy,

Considering, that I have to look after a numerous family, it is vital for my existence as a representative and commercial traveller, to be in possession of my car.

I therefore beg you instantly, to order its release, especially as it never has been properly requisitioned.

I herewith appeal to your sense of humanity and Justice and trust, Sir, to receive shortly your favourable decision.

Yours very truly

Andreabrata

Copy to: 1. Supreme Allied Commander A.F.H.Q.
2. Head Quarters Allied Commission, Rome
Rear Admiral Stone.
3. Col. Petz, 8th Port Head Quarters, Naples.

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Ref: 5615/95/EC

13 July 1945

My dear Mr. Asti:

Reference is made to your letter of 4 July enclosing a memorandum in which you stated that in August 1944 you offered temporarily, to Colonel McCarthy, formerly of Patriote Branch, this Headquarters, a Lancia-Augusta car.

As Colonel McCarthy is no longer at this Headquarters and no records exist that this car was ever requisitioned by this Headquarters, this matter is being referred to our Establishment Section for investigation, who will advise you in due time.

A. B. ARNOLDY,

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Mr. Adelmo Asti
Via Bertoloni, 12
ROME

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

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Ref: 5815/94/EC

13 July 1945

MEMORANDUM:

TO : Establishment Section

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1. Reference G-4/RV/L 42436 R dated 9 July 45, copy attached together with the earlier correspondence herein.

2. In view of the fact that this car was never formally requisitioned through Headquarters AC and it is not known what agreement was made by Brigadier then Colonel McCarthy with the owner, it would seem that this is a matter for investigation by your section, as the car was apparently procured by Brigadier McCarthy, at that time in a manner contrary to established AC procedure.

3. Brigadier McCarthy is now in Eritrea.

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4. Will you please cause investigation to be made and on completion thereof reply direct to Signor Asti, with a copy of your letter to this office.

5. An interim acknowledgment, a copy of which is also attached, has been sent to Signor Asti.

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A. B. ARNOLDY.

Chief Staff Officer
To Executive Commissioner

3 Incls:
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# ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

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INTER OFFICE MEMO

Office of G-4 (A)

From: Room 3, Fourth Floor

FILE No. G4/RV/L 42436 R

SUBJECT: Lancia Aprilia, HQ-2073.

TO: Office of the Executive Commissioner. 9 July 1945

JUL 10 1945

ATTENTION: Captain Arnoldy.

1. Investigation of facts surrounding requisitioning and derequisitioning of this vehicle reveals that no formal requisition has ever been effected and that vehicle never belonged to A. C. officially.

2. Vehicle was obtained, used and damaged by a Colonel Mc Carthy of Patriots Branch of A. C.

3. It is not known what agreement was made with owner, and it is suggested that Colonel Mc Carthy be called upon to answer owner's requests since vehicle was procured by him in some manner contrary to established A. C. procedure.

for /s/ C. C. Craig

CLAYTON C. CRAIG
Major, Infantry
G-4 (A)

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3 Incls.
Incl 1. Memo, Off of Exec Commissioner, ref 5815/87/EC, dtd 6 July 45.
Incl 2. Ltr, & translation, to Chief Commissioner from Adelmo Asti, dtd 4 July 45.
Incl 3. Cy and translation of request to Civil Affairs Section, Patriots Branch.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
ESTABLISHMENT SECTION
APO 394

LTM/CMP/jp
9 July 1945.

File: 93/13/EST

JUL 10 1945

SUBJECT: Derequisition of Civilian Cars.

TO : Executive Commissioner, Allied Commission.

1. A number of requests have been received by the Establishment Section, in recent months, for the derequisitioning and return to the owners of civilian requisitioned cars in use by AC/AMG.

2. A number of these requests have originated as letters from the civilian concerned, addressed either to the Chief Commissioner or Executive Commissioner, and forwarded by the Office of the Executive Commissioner to this Section for action.

3. In order that there be no misapprehension as to the powers of the Commission in matters of this kind, the following points are developed for your information:

(a) Allied Commission has no power to derequisition a serviceable civilian car. To do so, authority therefor must be obtained from MTOUSA, and authority will not be granted for derequisitioning unless it can be clearly shown either that the car is no longer required for use by AC (in which case MTOUSA may direct its transfer to another unit to fill a T/E vacancy), or that the return of the vehicle in question to the owner would be clearly in the interest of the Allied Forces, by assisting in the performance of a necessary public duty, or aiding in the rehabilitation or operation of an essential industry. In this connection, letter, HQ, MTOUSA, AG 451/764/ D-O, dated 14 April 1945, referes.

(b) It is the policy of MTOUSA that military equipment installed on a requisitioned vehicle - tires, batteries and/or spare parts of any sort, shall be removed upon the derequisitioning of a vehicle.

(c) It has been arranged with the Italian Government that vehicles no longer required for our use will be turned over to the "Ispettorato Generale di Motorizzazione", for disposition. Inasmuch as the Italian Government is charged with settling all questions of compensation with the owners of vehicles which have been requisitioned, it is imperative that the established practice be adhered to except in the most unusual cases.

see M.90 C.M. Parkin
C.M. PARKIN,
Colonel, Infantry 746
Actg Vice President.

(Capt Armory)

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
ESTABLISHMENT SECTION
APO 394

LTM/jp
9 July 1945.

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SUBJECT: Return of Motor Car.

TO : Executive Commissioner, Allied Commission.

1. Reference is made to your 5815/83/EC of 6 July.

2. A representative of G-4 (A) has discussed the matter with Admiral Stone, and vehicle is being returned 10 July.

L.T. MONTANT, Jr.
Captain, AGD,
Staff Officer.

P.A.
Cdr, 10/7/45

(Capt Ashley)

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Ext 451

ABA/el 87

Ref: 5815/87/ED

6 July 1945

MEMORANDUM:

TO : Establishment Section

1. Enclosed is a letter addressed to the Chief Commissioner from Agelmo Asti, together with copy of a request made to Civil Affairs Section, Patriots Branch, regarding a Lancia-Augusta car number 42436.

2. Please investigate this matter and report to this office when completed.

A. B ARNOLDY.

Chief Staff Officer
To Executive Commissioner

2 Incls.:
as above

COPY TO: C. COMER.

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Translation

Rome, 4 July 1945

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Dear Admiral,

I beg your pardon for sending you this letter, but I do not know to whom I should apply to obtain an acknowledgement which seems human to me, and I take the liberty of asking to intervene in my favour and help me to obtain what I have been asking for months.

Sincerely yours,

s. Adelmo Asti

Admiral Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
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LEC List - 6 July 45
ACTION : LEGTAR Sec
INFO : Chief Comm
Exec Comm

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Translation

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COPY OF THE REQUEST MADE

Headquarters Allied Commission

APO 394

Civil Affairs Section (Patriots Branch)

Rome

In August 1944, to do a favour to do a favour to Col Mac Carthy of this H.Q. - Patriots Branch (whose car which he needed for motives of service had just been stolen) the undersigned offered temporarily to the Colonel a Lancia-Augusta car, n. 42436 - Roma, belonging to the Co. 'Italres' Ltd., of which the undersigned was allowed to dispose as Counsellor Delegate of the said Co.

This car, whose five wheels had tyres, with all its tools, and in a perfect state, was handed over by the undersigned personally on August 19th, 1944, to Mr. A. Villa, attache to the office of Col. Mac Carthy and asked by the latter to collect it.

In the following October, Col. Mac Carthy rang up the undersigned to say that a truck had badly damaged the back part of the car; he said he was very sorry for the accident and assured the undersigned that the car which had been transported to the super-Garage in Piazza Verdi (A.C. Garage) would be repaired without delay and be returned in the same conditions in which it had been handed over.

Time went by without the repairs being made, and as 'Italres Ltd' could no longer do without the car for working requirements, the undersigned had to put at the disposal of 'Italres Ltd' another car of the same type , which he bought, on his own account, without tyres or electric battery, asking Col. Mac Carthy to let him have back the five tyres and the electric battery of the wrecked car.

Col. Mac Carthy agreed at once to this request, and according to his instructions, Major Sir Philip Magnus, of his office, gave the undersigned a letter allowing him to withdraw the above mentioned articles from the Super Garage.

However, the American Commander of the Super Garage to withdraw the car in the state in which it was, for there was no question of a military organization repairing a private car.

Worse still, the undersigned was given back the car without the five wheels and the corresponding number of tyres; the electric battery and all the tools (lifting jack - pump - bag of tools) were also missing as well as the circulation pass.

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The undersigned who is personally responsible towards 'Italres Ltd' had therefore to buy with his own money the missing parts, thus making the following expenses:

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| - car without tyres and battery | It. Lire | 120,000 - |
| - n. 5 tyres (already used) | " " | 150.000 - |
| - n. 1 electric battery | " " | 8.000 - |
| Total amount | It. Lire | 278.000 - |

Besides, the undersigned had to inform at once the P.S. Authorities of the disappearance of the circulation pass which has not yet been given back to him.

Before leaving Rome, and also when he came here a short time ago, Col. Mac Carthy again assured the undersigned that this matter was being taken care of by the Military Authorities, but up to now, the situation has unfortunately remained unchanged.

Having been obliged to spend this large sum, the undersigned asks the H.Q. kindly to solve this question without delay; leaving aside the damages the truck made to the car (supposed to amount to L. 60.000, which might be paid later on) he might be paid an indemnity for the missing parts (i.e. 5 wheels electric battery - lifting jack - pump and bag of tools) withdrawn or stolen after the car was put in the Super-Garage of Piazza Verdi, and of which the Military Oraganization in charge should be responsible.

The undersigned trusts that this H.Q. will take his situation in kind consideration, for all this came to pass because he wanted to do a favour to an Officer of the Allied Army Forces, putting at his disposal a thing that wasn't his.

Yours sincerely,

s. Adelmo Asti

Via Bertoloni, 12
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Ext 451

ABA/el

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Ref: 5815/83/EC

6 July 1945

SUBJECT: Car belonging to Lt Col Aldo Quarantotti

TO : Establishment Section

1. Under date of 27 June a memorandum from Ida Quarantotti, addressed to Admiral Stone, was passed to the Establishment Section for action. This memorandum dealt with the derequisition of a Lancia Aprilia car, target number 65989, engine 3301, chassis 30,3439.

2. Please inform this office as soon as possible what action has been taken in connection with this memorandum.

A. B ARNOLDY.

Chief Staff Officer
To Executive Commissioner

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OCTAVIO DE SÁ NEVES DA ROCHA

*Secrétaire de l'Ambassade du Brésil*

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the Executive Commissioner
LIAISON DIVISION
A P O 394

Received from Office of the Executive Commissioner, Allied Commission, one Ford Motor Car, No. 79564, with tires, tubes, battery, and in good running order. I have authority to receive this car for and in behalf of the Brazilian Minister.

Dated at Rome, Italy, this 5 July, 1945.

Brazilian Embassy

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Ext 451 ABA/el 81

Ref: 5815/81/EC 28 June 1945

MEMORANDUM:

TO : Office of the Chief Commissioner 72

1. Reference is made to your letter of 22 June 45 enclosing a letter from Dr. Emilio N. Zara, listing a number of grievances in connection with the dereguisitioning of his car.

2. Enclosed is a copy of a report received from Office of G-4, this Headquarters, which answers, it is believed, most of the questions and grievances outlined by Dr. Zara. 78-80

H. B. ARNOLD

Chief Staff Officer
To Executive Commissioner

1 Incl:
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Phone: 489081, Ext. 477

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HEADQUARTERS
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APO 394
OFFICE OF G-4

In reply refer to:
G4/41/A

26 June 1945

JUN 27 1945

SUBJECT: Fiat Car Requisitioned from Dr. E. Zara.

TO : Office of the Executive Commissioner.

ATTENTION:

1. With reference to the subject of Dr. Emilio M. Zara's car, the following facts concerning the requisitioning and derequisitioning of this vehicle are submitted for your information:

a. The Office of G-4 (A) this Headquarters was first informed of the requisitioning of this vehicle on the 28th of September 1944, when a letter was received from the Director of Industry Sub-Commission where Dr. Zara is employed. This letter requested that Dr. Zara's vehicle be derequisitioned in order that the vehicle might be put to use in the rehabilitation of the pharmaceutical and medicinal industry in Italy. Attached to the Industry Sub-Commission's letter was a letter from Dr. Zara, who stated that he had been of considerable assistance to the Armed Forces, and that he had suffered many hardships due to the conditions of War, etc., etc.

b. The G-4 Section, after considerable study, recommended to Region V Headquarters, who had requisitioned the car, that the car be returned to its owner and that this Headquarters be notified when this action had been completed. On the 4th of September 1944, a letter was received from Region V Headquarters stating that the vehicle was still in use at Region V and could not be released for military reasons. On the 4th of October 1944, the G-4 Section wrote again to Region V Headquarters, requesting that the subject vehicle be returned to its owner. In response to this letter a telephone message was received with the same information as before: that the vehicle was urgently needed in Region V.

c. On the 7th of May 1945, the G-4 Section received a request from the Office of the Executive Commissioner together with a letter from Dr. Zara, requesting that some action be taken toward the derequisitioning of this vehicle. Although existing Italian Legislative Decree state clearly and specifically that no vehicle will be returned direct to its owners and that all vehi-

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Ltr, Hq, AC, Office of G-4 (A), dtd 26 June 45, file G4/41/A, sub: Fiat Car Requisitioned from Dr. E. Zara.

cles shall be returned to the Italian Government, for eventual return to owners, the G-4 Section, aware of Dr. Zara's position, and believing that the vehicle was needed for the reasons stated, that of rehabilitating pharmaceutical and medicinal industries in Italy, directed Dr. Zara to submit to G-4 Section a letter with justification for the return of his vehicle, so that this justification could be forwarded to Headquarters MTOUSA , and authority requested from them to derequisition the vehicle. Lt. Amoruso went so far as to instruct Dr. Zara and Major Rosenbaum of Industry Sub-Commission as to the procedure for drafting a letter and submitting it to G-4 Section.

2. On the 12th of June 1945, Headquarters MTOUSA granted authority for the derequisition of this vehicle on the basis of the justification presented, and Dr. Zara was informed that his vehicle was ready for derequisition.

3. It has been theater policy, in cases of derequisition, to remove any and all W.D parts from any vehicles being returned to their owners.

4. Dr. Zara was called in by the G-4 Section and told that his car was ready for derequisitioning. He signed the necessary release papers and was given a letter to pick up the vehicle. He returned the same day and stated that he had been done a grave injustice, that the vehicle was minus tires and tubes and battery, and that he expected compensation for the missing parts. He was informed by Lt. Amoruso that no War Department parts could be returned to him for those which had been on the vehicle. He was also informed that the only means A.C. could employ to adjust the matter satisfactorily would be to issue him a new requisition for the missing parts. Dr. Zara agreed to accept this requisition. At this time, Dr. Zara also stated that he was in the process of selling the vehicle and admitted to Lt. Amoruso that he could obtain more money for the vehicle in its present condition than he had paid for it, and that he was just trying to get everything he could back with the car.

5. In reference to your 5315/70/EC of 23 June concerning the subject vehicle and attached letter dated the 21st from Dr. Zara, please be informed that Dr. Zara's letter contains several misstatements. First, Lt. Amoruso did not by words or actions state or imply that all Dr. Zara had to do was go to the garage, get his car and drive away. He merely stated that the vehicle was ready to be derequisitioned. Second, Dr. Zara's car at no time was in the Salvage Section of the Public Safety Garage. Third, the vehicle in its present condition could easily be sold for a considerable amount in excess of 50,000 lire, the price which Dr. Zara admits being offered in the letter.

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Ltr, Hq, AC, Office of G-4 (A), dtd 26 June 45, file G4/41/A, sub: Fiat Car Requisitioned from Dr. E. Zara.

6. Attention is invited to the fact that the request for the derequisitioning of this vehicle was approved by MTOUSA on the grounds that this vehicle would be used in the rehabilitation of industry, and that the authority granted by MTOUSA was granted solely for this reason. Dr. Zara, has clearly indicated that his motive for the return of his vehicle was not to use this vehicle for the reasons stated, but to sell it immediately upon its return. It would therefore appear that a civilian employee of the Commission has taken advantages of personal contacts with officers of the Commission to secure the return of his motorcar, not to aid in the rehabilitation of the pharmaceutical and medicinal industry, but to serve his personal needs.

7. In brief, the vehicle in question was properly derequisitioned, returned to the owner in compliance with pertinent directives of higher authority on the subject, on the basis of statements the accuracy of which appears to be open to some question.

CLAYTON C. CRAIG
Major, Infantry
G-4 (A)

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Translation

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Memorandum for Admiral Stone

Rome, 25 June 1945 JUN 27 1945

1) On June 8th, 1944, the car Lancia Aprilia registered Rome, 65989, engine 3301, chassis 38-3439 was requisitioned for the Allied Military Government. (enclos. n.2)

2) The car belongs to Lt. Col. Aldo QUARANTOTTI, who was decorated with a Golden Medal and reported missing.

3) The said officer was the only support of his father and mother. They are at present in a disastrous economic situation, because of the loss of their son, because of the damages caused by the bombardements, and because most of their household goods were taken by the Germans from the city in which they had taken refuge.

4) The car in question is at present in Rome in the G-4 Pool Garage - Via Tommaso Campanella - depending from G-4 of the Allied Commission, at the disposal of the said G-4 office.

5) The office which can order the derequisition, is the Transportation Sub-Commissio of A.C. Via Veneto, 6, Rome.

6) In relation with a request for the derequisition of the car sent by the father of the officer, Headquarters Rome Area M.T.O.U.S.A. - APO 794, U.S. Army, by letter Cat/ IEG/Sg., of January 11th (encl.2) said that the requirements of the Allied Forces for the war effort made it impossible to give back the car.

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8) Lt. Amoruso orally pledged himself to include the said car in a group of cars which, it seems, are to be given back to the Italian Government through the channel of the Motorization office.

It appears that the car would be given back without the five tyres which it had at the time of the requisition.

We therefore ask Your Excellency:

1) to intervene with the competent office (G-4 American of the Transportation Sub-Commission of the A.C.) for the derequisition of the car in question, and the restitution of all the tyres, to the father of the missing officer, Mr. Giustino QUARANTOTTI.

2) to obtain that the car in question be included in the group of those which are to be given back to the Italian Government - this if difficulties of a legal order prevented what we asked above.

In such an hypothesis, we trust it is possible to insist for the car to be given back with all its tyres, even if through the channel of the Office for Civilian Motorization. 734

3) to order the payment of the requisition indemnity of the same car, from June 8th, 1944, till the date of the derequisition.

We hope that this matter will be given due attention and decided according to justice, with comprehension for the sufferings of a family ruined by war.

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Dear Admiral, a mother is asking you to do for her what you would do for your own mother,

You can easily understand that a car which is given back without its five tyres

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will be no help to a poop family like mine.

Trusting in your kindness, I remain,

Truly yours,

s. Ida Quarantotti

Via Monte Pertica, 11
tel. 373325

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# INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

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Lt. Colonel

Originator's Reference: Q 5

Date/Time of Origin: JUN 231125B

Message Centre No: E/6403

Date Time Rec'd: JUN 231610B

Precedence: ROUTINE

JUN 24 1945

FROM: DISTONE

TO : 2 POLCORPS INFO 26 BLU, AFHQ, ALCOM, (FOR EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER)

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RESTRICTED.

You will deliver forthwith to Executive Commissioner HQ ALCOM ROME for onward routing to Brezilien Minister QTY 1 civilian Ford car no 79564. You will obliterate W D markings. AFHQ message 97264 of 22 June refers.

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INFO: Chief Commissioner
File 2
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A. F. H. Q.

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(Capt. Arnold)

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
ESTABLISHMENT SECTION

Ref/93/EST

22 June 1945

23 JUN 1945

H. E. The Minister of Marine
Rome

I am directed by the Chief Commissioner to acknowledge your letter of 18 June, No. 6743.

For your information, a copy of a letter addressed to H. E. The President of The Council of Ministers, under date of 18 June, is enclosed. As you will see, the matter of Professor Silva's car is in the process of satisfactory adjustment and Professor Silva will be contacted direct by the competent military authorities.

C. M. PARKIN,
Colonel, Inf.,
A/Vice President

1 incl: copy letter, G-4/41/A
18 June 1945

cc: Ex Comm. (Maj. Norden

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Ref: 5815/70/EC. 23 June 1945.

SUBJECT: Fiat Car - Registration Number 55205 MI.

TO : Establishment Section.

1. I refer to my 5815/49/EC dated 7 May 45, 5815/66/EC dated 16 June 45, and your LTB/rjp dated 19 June 45, in which you advised that the above mentioned car was derequisitioned and returned to its owner on 19 June 45.

2. Enclosed is a further letter received by the Chief Commissioner from Dr. Emilio M. Zara, from which it will be noted that the car when released was not in a fit state for the road.

3. This case would appear to warrant investigation and I shall be pleased if you will cause the necessary enquiries to be made and submit a full report to this office for the information of the Chief Commissioner.

A. E. ARNOLDY.

Chief Staff Officer,
To the Executive Commissioner.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the Chief Commissioner
APO 394

LWS/hjp

22 June 1945

TO: Executive Commissioner, Hq A.C.
For: Establishments Section

Will you kindly have this entire situation investigated and submit a report on the findings.

L. W. STEARNS
Major, A.G.D.
Staff Officer to CC

1 Incl:
Ltr fr Dr Emilio Zara
21 Jun 45 (with 3 incls)

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COPY

June 21, 1945

TO: Admiral Ellery Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
Rome

FROM: Dr. Emilio M. Zara

On April 30th last, I requested consideration from you in the dere-quisition of my automobile. Through your kind offices the vehicle was de-requisitioned and for this I am sincerely appreciative.

However, I am once again compelled to call upon your sense of justice. On 19th June, I was advised by G-4 (A) that my car was in Rome and I was to report to the G-4 (A) office. At this office, after turning in all documents pertaining to the requisition, and after signing all release papers, I was given a note to c.o. Public Safety garage to go and get my car (Copy attached).

Naturally, I was elated. But my elation was of short duration, for on my arrival at the garage I was told the tyres (5 in all), the battery and the tools had been removed. Lt. Amoruso of G-4 (A) had not even troubled to advise me of this but had, on the contrary, by words and actions, strongly implied all I had to do was to go to the garage, get my car, and drive away, and I should be happy and grateful.

On June 20th, realizing that my car had been placed in the Salvage Section of the Public Safety garage, I sent a buyer there to see what once was a vehicle. I could not accompany him because of my official duties here. The buyer was refused admission to the garage.

Today, 21st June, I accompanied the prospective purchaser to the P.S. garage. My worst fears were realized: the car had been further stripped including: head light glass, head light bulbs, a spare coil and a spare wheel.

Thus, it may well be that before I am able to dispose of my car, I will have nothing but a badly smashed body to offer the purchaser. Had my car been returned as I was led to believe it would be, last October (see attached copy of G-4 (A) ) I could have gotten 800,000 lire for it. Today, I was generously offered 50,000 lire for it!

As I stated in my original documents to you on April 30th last, this is not a financial matter, even though I have lost all my physical possession in this war including my plant and home. Rather, it is a matter of principles. For, despite your kind efforts, the derequisition has become a mockery, a joke of very bad taste bordering on sadism, if before I am given possession of my property I am required to sign release papers only to find that in fact I have no car at all.

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May I therefore, once again ask your kind indulgence that my car be returned to me as a car in fact and not in name. Although, I realize this has no bearing on my case, I do know that cars have been returned to others complete with tyres and tubes in perfect running conditions; (about 25 cars have been returned to proper owners in Perugia by Region there) and in many of these cases the recipients had contributed nothing to the Allied effort. My car was requisitioned in perfect efficiency (as stated in Requisition Form No. 60 returned the other day to G-4(A) )and I think you will agree that I should in turn have received it in such conditions.

I may further add that I have placed no claim for compensation for the use of the car by Region V for a period of over eleven months.

With the deepest respect.

/sgd/ Emilio M. Zara
(Dr. EMILIO M. ZARA)
Industry Sub-Commission
Pharmaceutical Division

(3 Enclosures, to be kindly returned)

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# INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Ex. Comm. (69)

Originator's Reference: FX 97264
Date/Time of Origin: JUNE 221302B

Message Centre No: E/6214
Date Time Rec'd: JUNE 221435B
Precedence: PRIORITY

FROM: AFHQ SIGNED SACMED CITE FHQAE
TO : 1 DISTRICT INFO 26 BLU, ALCOM FOR EXEC COMMR

22 JUN 1945

RESTRICTED

Ref MAIN 2 POLISH CORPS 1392/SD of 30 May contact 26 BLU and arrange DEL forthwith to Executive Commissioner Hq ALLIED COMMISSION ROME for onward routing to Brazilian Ministery qty 1 civ Ford car No 79564. Obliterate WD markings. Ack. For ALCOM 5815/64/EC of 15 refers.

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HEADQUARTERS
22 JUN 1945
A.A.C.

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Action - Exec Commr 2
Info - Chief Commissioner
File 2
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ACTION

See 45

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(Capt Arnold)

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
(ESTABLISHMENT SECTION)

19 June 1945

JUN 20 1945

SUBJECT: Derequisition of Automobile

TO : Executive Commissioner.

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1. Reference is made to your 5815/66/EC, of 16 June.

2. Vehicle in question was derequisitioned and returned to its owner 19 June.

L.T. [illegible] JR
Captain, AGD,
Establishment Section.

PA 4/4

(Mac Nagel)

SMA 2/6

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Translation

The Minister of Marine

6743

Rome, 18 June 1945

JUN 20 1945

Dear Admiral,

though this question does not concern you, I want to draw your kind attention on the case of Professor Pietro S I L V A, who was for many years a teacher in the Livorno Naval Academy; at present, he has a stiff leg and can hardly walk. Professor Silva would therefore like his car to be derequisitioned. It is a Lancia Aprilia, registered 68780 Rome, bill of requisition n. 475402 of August 8th, 1944.

I shall be most grateful if you do something for Prof. Silva; please let me know about it.

Yours very truly,

S. R. de Courten

Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
R o m e

e.c.

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Ext 451

ABA/el

Ref: 5815/66/EC

16 June 1945

SUBJECT: Request for Derequisitioning
(Fiat registration number 55205 M1)

TO : Establishment Section - (Attention: Lt. Amoruso)

The Executive Commissioner's Office would appreciate to have some information as to what progress is being made in connection with the derequisitioning of the above-mentioned car. 5815/49/EC of 7 May refers.

A. E. ASHLEY.
Chief Staff Officer.
To Executive Commissioner.

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Ref: 5815/65/EC

16 June 1945

The President of the Council of Ministers
Italian Government

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Reference is made to Signor Bonomi's letter 432 of 12 May forwarding a letter from Prof. Pietro Silva regarding the possible derequisitioning of his automobile (a Lancia-Aprilia).

This matter has been under investigation and we are now informed by the Rome Area Allied Command that instructions have been given for the derequisitioning of this car. The Professor will be advised by RAAC in due course where the car may be collected by him.

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A. T. ARNOLD

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ABA/el 64

Ref: 5815/64/EC 15 June 1945

SUBJECT: Brazilian Minister's Car

TO : Q(AE), Allied Force Headquarters 54 64

1. Reference is made to your letter AFHQ/8035/Q(AE), 6 June 1945, in reply to our letters 5815/EC of 25 May and 5815/57/EC of 7 June regarding the above subject.

2. It will be appreciated if you would make the necessary arrangements to have the Brazilian Minister's car returned to him.

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For the Chief Commissioner:

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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DU 25 June Noted

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5815 (6) Brazilian Minister's Car (61) 2504

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

Subject: Brazilian Minister's Car. TEL. NO. FREEDOM 124

AFHQ/8035/2(AE)

HQ, AC, AFO 394.

6 Jun 45

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JUN 9 1945

Reference your letter 5815/AC dated 4 May 45.

1. A report has now been received from Main HQ 2 Polish Corps as to the condition and whereabouts of the car originally owned by the Brazilian Minister.

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2. A copy of the report is enclosed herewith.

3. It is not clear how the car came into the possession of M. GUGLIELMO SCIACCHI but there is no doubt that it was later properly requisitioned by the military authorities.

4. If the Brazilian Minister still desires the car to be returned to him, arrangements will be made on receipt of your further advice.

W.B. WEBER, Lt. Col.,
for Major General, G- (E).

WBW/DI.

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(Capt Arnold)

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C O P Y

SUBJECT: Requisitioned Car

MAIN 2 POLISH CORPS

MAIN HQ EIGHTH ARMY

1392/SD

Copy to:

AFHQ
26 BLU

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Reference AFHQ/8035/Q(AE) dated 10 May 45, and MAIN EIGHTH ARMY Signals SD/3062 dated 13 May and M 142SD3 dated 19 May 45.

1. A civilian car, FORD No 79564, is held within 2 POLISH Corps on the WE of a unit in lieu of a car 4 seater 4 x 2.

2. This car was taken over by BRIGATA MAIELLA from the local partisans during operations in SAN SEVERINO area in Jun 44.

3. The partisans stated that the car had been found by them on a farm belonging to M. GUGLIELMO SERAFINI who was, at that time, in hiding as he had been allegedly collaborating with the Fascists and Germans. On account of his alleged collaboration he had been allowed to use his car.

4. The manager of the farm, on behalf of M. SERAFINI, presented to Major LEWICKI, CO BRIGATA MAIELLA, documents which proved beyond doubt that the owner of the car was M. SERAFINI, Major LEWICKI handed him a written receipt for the car and later a requisition order was submitted on behalf of the Italian Military Authorities.

5. Whilst it has been used in military service the car has been painted in WD colours and has undergone several repairs in service workshops and has been supplied with WD spare parts. The speedometer reading is now over 50,000 miles.

6. During Autumn 1944 the car was transferred from BRIGATA MAIELLA to 25 POLISH LANCERS and is still held by that Regt in lieu of a WD vehicle. There is little doubt that at the time of the requisition the car was the property of the Italian citizen and that it was properly requisitioned on behalf of the Italian Authorities.

7. Further instructions with regard to its disposal are awaited.

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Maj Gen
Comd 2 POLISH CORPS

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Copy to:

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Comd 2 POLISH CORPS

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
(Establishment Section)

G4/41/A

7 June 1945

SUBJECT: Derequisition of Civilian Motor Vehicles.

TO : See Distribution.

JUN 1945

1. The Italian Government have established through Legislative Decree that requisitioned vehicles held by Allied Commission which are ready for derequisition be turned over for disposition to the "Ispettorato Compartimentale della Motorizzazione" in the respective Regions of A. C.

2. Therefore, Regions having any such vehicles will a) request authority to derequisition them from G-4 (A) this Headquarters, and b) if such authority is granted deliver the cars to the above named agency in their Region and forward a copy of the attached receipt to G-4 (A), Headquarters A. C.

3. Under no circumstances will requisitioned vehicles be returned directly to owners. The "Ispettorato Compartimentale della Motorizzazione" is the only competent authority to receive vehicles from this date on.

BY COMMAND OF REAR ADMIRAL STONE:

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

1 Incl.
Receipt for motor vehicle.

DISTRIBUTION:

Group I - Dist. "C"
Group II - Dist. "A"
Group III- Dist. "B"
G-4 (A) - 25

ACTION COPY ON 208/EC

Data
(Date)

RECEIPT FOR MOTOR VEHICLE — RICEVUTA PER ... TOVEICOLO

1. Received this date from Allied Commission the following described motor vehicle:

1. Si riceve dalla Commissione Alleata il seguente autoveicolo:

A.C. Registration No. _____ Numero di registrazione della C.A.

Make, Model and Type _____ Marca, Modello e tipo

License No. _____ N. della licenza di circolazione

Motor No. _____ N. del motore

Chassis No. _____ N. del telaio

No. of wheels and Tires _____ Numero delle ruote e gomme

Remarks _____ Osservazioni

2. I, as the competent Italian Government Authority, hereby acknowledge receipt of the above-mentioned property and accept all responsibility for this vehicle. I further certify that all Allied Commission markings shall be removed from the vehicle and that Allied Commission has fully informed this office of the name and address of the former owner or possessor of the vehicle.

2. Noi, in qualita' di Delegati del Governo Italiano, accusiamo ricevuta della suddetta proprieta' ed accettiamo tutte le responsabilita' inerenti a questo veicolo. Ci impegniamo inoltre che qualsiasi marchio o impronta riferentisi alla Commissione Alleata saranno tolti dal veicolo e si certifica che questo Ufficio e' stato pienamente informato, dalla predetta Commissione, circa il nome e l'indirizzo del precedente proprietario o possessore del veicolo.

3. Italian Government Agency and Address (_____) — 3. Autorita' Italiana Sede ed Indirizzo

4. Name of Officer Accepting Delivery. Rank (_____) _____ — 4. Nome e Cognome del Ricevente. Grado

5. Signature of above officer _____ — 5. Firma del suddetto ricevente.

6. Name and Address of former Owner or Possessor. (_____) — 6. Nome e Indirizzo dell'ultimo proprietario o possessore dell'autoveicolo.

NOTE: A. To be prepared in duplicate, one (1) copy to Allied Commission, Office of G-4 (A), one (1) copy to Italian Government Agency concerned.

(Da compilarsi in duplicato, una copia alla Commissione Alleata, Ufficio G-4 (A), ed una copia all'Autorita' Italiana).

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Motor No. _____ N. del motore

Chassis No. _____ N. del telaio

No of wheels and Tires _____ Numero delle ruote e gomme

Remarks _____ Osservazioni

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B. Items 3, 4, and 6, must be typewritten.
(I dati di cui ai paragrafi 3, 4 e 6 debbono essere dattilografati).

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ABM/scm

Ref: 5815/57/BC 7 June 1945

SUBJECT: Brazilian Minister's Car

TO : Q(AE), Allied Force Headquarters

(48) (54)

1. Reference is made to our letters 5815/BC of 4 May and 25 May respectively regarding the above subject.

2. Although we have received a copy of your letter, reference AFHQ/8035/Q(AE) of 10 May, addressed to Main HQ 8th Army showing that you were referring this matter to them, no definite information has as yet been received by this Headquarters as to the progress being made.

3. It would be appreciated if a reply could be had at your earliest convenience.

For the Chief Commissioner:

A. B. ARNOLDY.
Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

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Tel : 735

Ref/5315/56/HQ. 7 June 1945

SUBJECT : Application for Derequisitioning of LANCIA-APRILIA (Rome 63780)

TO : Establishment Section.

1. Reference 5315/53/HQ dated 18 May 45, subject as above.

2. The draft reply to Prime Minister BONOMI has not yet been submitted.

A. B. ARNOLDY.
Chief Staff Officer,
To Executive Commissioner.

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ABA/mea

Ref: 5815/30

25 May 1945

SUBJECT: Brazilian Minister's Car

TO : Q (AS), Allied Force Headquarters

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1. Reference is made to our letter 5815/30 of 4 May re the above subject.

2. At that time we enclosed copies of the entire correspondence with reference to the Brazilian Minister's car which was apparently requisitioned in July 1944 by the Commander of an organization called "Gruppo Patrioti della Maiella".

3. It would be appreciated if you would inform this Headquarters what progress is being made in connection with this matter.

For the Chief Commissioner:

/s/ Capt A

Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

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Tel : 735

18 May 1945

Ref/5815/53/20.

SUBJECT : Application for Derequisitioning of LANCIA-APRILIA (Roma 68780)

TO : Establishment Section.

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1. Reference the attached letter No. 432 dated 12 May 45 From Prime Minister Bonomi and enclosure, is passed to you for necessary action.

2. Please transmit the enclosed letter dated 7 May 1945 from Prof. PIETRO SILVA to RAAC for direct reply and prepare a reply to Prime Minister Bonomi for signature of the Chief Commissioner advising him of the action taken.

Major L. W. STEARNS

Chief Staff Officer,
To Executive Commissioner.

B/U 23/5

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5815 (52)

Translation

The President of the Council of Ministers

n. 432

Rome, 12 May 1915

MAY 18 RECD

Dear Admiral,

I take the liberty of forwarding you a letter from Prof. Pietro Silva, asking you to give a favourable answer to his request.

Thanking you, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

S. I. Bonomi

Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Allied Commission
R o m e

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Subject : Brasilian Minister's Car

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

Tele No. Freedom 518

AFHQ/8035/4(AG)

10 May 45

MAY 11 RECD

Main H.Q., Eighth Army

1. Attached herewith are copies of correspondence relating to the subject of a car belonging to the Brasilian Minister, Mr. Luiz Soareno, which was requisitioned in Jul 44 by the Commander of the Gruppo Patrioti delle Maielle.

2. It will be seen from folio 2 of the attached correspondence that this matter was first reported to the Allied Control Commission on 3 Oct 44, and has been forwarded from Section to Section, including AMG, Eighth Army, with no satisfactory result.

3. It is not known at this Headquarters if the Commandar of the Gruppo Patrioti dalle Maielle is in fact Polish and if perhaps H.Q. Polish Corps may have some information on the subject but in view of the political implication involved it would be appreciated if you would please investigate this matter as urgently as possible and report the present whereabouts of the car not later than 17 May 45.

HEADQUARTERS
11 MAY 1945
A. G.

W.B. WEBBER, Lt. Col.,
For Major General, G-4 (Ir).

WDW/2H

Copy to Executive Commissioner, Headquarters, Allied Commission, A.P.O.394 - your 5815/3G dated 4 May 45 refers

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58/5 Ex. Comm (50)

Ext: 23

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
EIGHTH ARMY

9834

Subject: Brazilian Minister's Car.

CA/118/1.

4 May 45

H.Q.
Allied Commission,
APO 394.

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MAY 10 RECD

1. Reference your 5815/EC dated 13 April, 45.

2. Every endeavour has been made to obtain the return of this vehicle from 2 Polish Corps, or to regularise the position by requisitioning. Application made by 2 Polish Corps to G.S.I(b) Army forthe requisition of the vehicle to be authorised was disapproved. 2 Polish Corps is no longer under command and, therefore, are unable to take any further action.

HEADQUARTERS
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A. C.

for Air Commodore,
Officer Commanding,
H.Q., A.M.C. EIGHTH ARMY.

Copy to: G-5 Section 15 Army Group - Your G-5/7/1.3 of 29 April refers.

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Tel : 289

Ref/5815/49/EC. 7 May 1945

SUBJECT: Requests for Derequisitioning.
(Fiat registration Number 55205 MI)

TO : Establishment Section.

1. Attached letter from Dr. Emilio M. ZARA, dated 30 April 45, is passed to you for appropriate action.

2. Please send a copy of your reply to this office.

Major L. W. STEARNS

Chief Staff Officer,
To Executive Commissioner.

Dr. Amoruso. Contacted said still working on the will which is not as yet complete.
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Dr. Amoruso - Letter a Statement from Zara dated will advise

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Ref: 5235/SC

4 May 1945

SUBJECT: Brazilian Minister's Car

TO : Q(AF), Allied Force Headquarters

1. Attached herewith are copies of the entire correspondence on the subject of a car belonging to the Brazilian Minister, Mr. Luiz Speranza, which was apparently requisitioned in July 1944 by the Commander of an organization called "Gruppo Patrioti della Maiella".

2. This matter was referred by us to Headquarters 15th Army Group, as per a copy of our letter of the 24th April attached, but we were informed that this matter should be channelled through Q(AF), AFHQ and that the SCAO 8th Army, to whom this matter was referred by HQ. 15th Army Group by telephone, had no personal knowledge of the correspondence.

3. In view of the fact that the Political Advisor of this Headquarters strongly recommends that some satisfaction should be given to the Brazilian Minister, it would be appreciated if you would take this matter up on a high level with the Polish Corps.

For the Chief Commissioner:

Capt Arnaldy

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner

Encl: Dossier on above subject.

Noted

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Ref: 5826/3/RC.

2 May 1945.

SUBJECT: Removal of Motor Vehicles belonging to the Ministry for Foreign Affairs.

File 5826

TO : Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Italian Government.

1. Receipt is acknowledged of letter from the Ministry for Foreign Affairs, reference 6/1148/533 dated 24 April 1945.

2. The present time is not considered propitious for trading the vehicles which were removed last year to the North of Italy. It is considered that a more expeditious method will be for the Ministry for Foreign Affairs to replace them by means of requisitioning; powers for requisitioning are of course possessed by the Italian Government.

3. The schedule of vehicles is returned herewith.

Encl:
Schedule of Vehicles.

Copy to: Marchese Cittadini-Cesi.

File 5815/RC.

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5015/45 EXCOMMISSIONER

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HEADQUARTERS 15TH ARMY GROUP
G-5 SECTION
APO 777

PFJ/mlh

Ref: G-5/7/1.3

29 April 1945

SUBJECT: Brazilian Minister's Car.

TO: Office of the Executive Commissioner,
HQ Allied Commission.

1. Reference your 5015/45/EC of 24 April 1945.

2. Your inquiry has been refered to "Q" at this Headquarters but the correct channel is Q (AE) AFHQ.

3. It is regretted therefore that the question of the Brazilian Minister's car cannot be taken up at this Headquarters. SCAO, Eighth Army, when the matter was refered to on the telephone had no personal knowledge of the correspondence.

P. F. J. Jones

Lt. Colonel
for DCGAO

Copy to: SCAO, Eighth Army

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(P.F.J. JONES)

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Ref: 5825/45/XO 24 April 1945

SUBJECT: Brazilian Minister's Car

TO : Lt. Colonel Friend-Jones
Assistant D.C.O.A.O.
Headquarters 15th Army Group

1. Attached herewith are copies of the entire correspondence on the subject of a car belonging to the Brazilian Minister, Mr. Luiz Speranz, which was apparently requisitioned in July 1944 by the Commander of an organization called "Gruppo Patrioti della Maiella".

2. As will be seen from the correspondence, no satisfaction has been obtained from the Polish Corps while the matter has been dealt with on the level of Headquarters AMG 5th Army.

3. The Political Adviser, this Headquarters, strongly recommends that some satisfaction should be given to the Brazilian Minister. You are, therefore, requested to take this matter up on a high level with the Polish Corps.

Colonel,
Acting Executive Commissioner

Copy to: British Political Adviser to A.C.

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R/eem 44

Ref: 5815/32 13 April 1945

SUBJECT: Brazilian Minister's Car

TO : Headquarters ANC EIGHTH Army

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1. Reference is made to your G4/116/1/18A of 26 February 1945.

2. It is requested that this Headquarters be informed if there is any likelihood of obtaining further information in this matter.

By Command of Rear Admiral STONE:

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for Colonel,
Acting Executive Commissioner

per Adm. 50

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EXEC COMMR

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Translation

Ministry of Agriculture and Forests
n. 10160

Rome, 27 March 1945

MAR 29 1945

To Brigadier M.S. Lush, COS
U.S. Alliedcommission
R o m e

MR EC

Following an identical request sent to Colonel Charles Poletti, in letter n. 10154 of the 12th, which has not yet been answered, I shall be most grateful for your intervention with the Colonel, to obtain, when the Region IV command will close, the derequisition of the car mentioned in the said letter, considering that this car belongs to the Italian Government, which needs it because of the scarcity of the means of transport, and because of the increase of the number of services. The de-requisition would enable this Ministry to recuperate the car which was requisitioned - Fiat 1100, Rome 69125, and then stolen.

THE MINISTER

S. Gullo

S.C.

EC DIST - 29 Mar 45

ACTION: ESTAB SEC(Z) PA

INFO: CHIEF COMMR.

EXEC COMMR.

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Tel Ext: 93.

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
EIGHTH ARMY

A Trans Div 42

Subject: Brazilian Minister's Car.

OA/118/1/18A

26 Feb 45.

MAR 1 - 1945

Liaison Division,
H.Q. Allied Commission,
A.P.O. 394.

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1. Reference your 5815/40/EC~~/45~~ of 16th February, 45.

2. It is regretted that so much difficulty is being experienced in this case.

3. This H.Q. is making every effort to obtain settlement and we hope to advise you of the position shortly.

HEADQUARTERS
1 MAR 1945

D.G. Holmes
Staff Capt.
for Group Captain,
Officer Commanding,
H.Q., A.M.G. EIGHTH ARMY.

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Deputy Chief of Staff

Phone: 489081, Ext. 477

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
OFFICE OF G-4

17 Feb 1945

In reply refer to:

G4/RV/L 83021 R

SUBJECT: Derequisition of Vehicle RV-131

TO : Regional Commissioner
Lazio-Umbria Region
Allied Commission

ATTENTION: Requisitioning officer.

FEB 17 1945

1. Reference letter Establishment Section, this headquarters 93.1/EST, subject as above, sent you 9 February 45. This case has been reviewed and authority is hereby granted to derequisition subject vehicle.

2. It is requested that completion of derequisition be effected as soon as possible and this office notified of completion of transaction.

By command of Rear Admiral STONE:

CLAYTON C. CRAIG
Major, Infantry
G-4 (A)

cc to: Deputy Chief of Staff

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
AFO [illegible]
Liaison Division
Office of Chief of Staff

Tel: 47831 Ext

Ref: 5815/40/33 (1)

16 February 1945

SUBJECT: Brazilian Minister's Car

TO : Headquarters,
A.M.G. 8 Army

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1. Reference your 08/32/23A of 28 December 1944.

2. It is requested that all available information regarding this matter be supplied as soon as possible.

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for Brigadier
Chief of Staff

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
ESTABLISHMENT SECTION

G4/41/A

17 January 1945

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SUBJECT: Requisitioning and Derequisitioning Authority.

TO : See Distribution.

1. Authority previously delegated to the Allied Commission to requisition and derequisition civilian motor vehicles has been rescinded by:

a. Paragraph 11, Allied Force Headquarters, Administrative Memorandum 59, dated 13 December 1944, subject: "Requisitioning and Derequisitioning of Civilian Motor Transport."

b. MTOUSA letter, AG 451/764 D-O, dated 17 December 1944, subject: "Requisitioning, Derequisitioning, or Rental of Civilian Motor Vehicles by United States Military Forces."

2. Effective this date, requisitioning and derequisitioning of civilian motor vehicles will cease in Headquarters and in all Regions of Allied Commission.

3. It is also necessary at this time to decrease the number of requisitioned vehicles on our strength, and a careful examination of the G-4 (A) files indicates that there are many unserviceable vehicles in Headquarters and in Regions.

4. The Headquarters Commandant, AC Headquarters, and Regional Commissioners of Regions listed below are directed to scrap, in accordance with paragraph 7, Establishment Memorandum Number 21, dated 3 September 1944, the number of requisitioned motor vehicles shown below and forward scrap certificates to G-4 (A), this Headquarters, by not later than 1 February 1945:

| Section or Region | No. of Vehicles to be Scrapped |
|---|---|
| a. Headquarters Commandant, AC Headquarters | 50 |
| b. Sicilia Region | 25 |
| c. Southern Region | 25 |
| d. Lazio-Umbria Region | 40 |
| e. Abruzzi-Marche Region | 30 |

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Ltr, Hq AC, Establishment Section, dtd 16 January 1945, file 32/41/A.
SUB: Requisitioning and Requisitioning Authority.

2. Your utmost and immediate attention is directed to completing the above-mentioned scrapping of vehicles within the time specified since completion of same must be reported to higher Headquarters by 1 February 1945.

By command of Rear Admiral STONE:

NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel
Deputy Chief of Staff

OFFICIAL:

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

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Group III - Dist. "B"
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93.1/EST 2d Ind.

HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, APO 394. January 1945

TO: Commanding General, Rome Area Allied Command.

1. Thorough investigation of the facts and circumstances set forth in 1st Ind. and inclosures added therewith indicate that dereguisition of the vehicle in question would not be practicable at this time.

2. It is regretted that military necessity makes necessary, for the present, the retention of this vehicle. Should the circumstances change, at any time in the future, your office will be notified accordingly.

3. Attention is also invited to Paragraph 7, letter, Hq., MTOUSA, AG 451/764 D-O, 17 December 1944, which appears to apply in this case.

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ELLERY W. STONE,
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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HE QUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
EIGHTH ARMY

CA/A 37

Subject: Brazilian Minister's Car.

CA/32/23A

28 Dec 44

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Liaison Division,
H.Q., Allied Commission,
A.P.O. 394.

1. Reference your letter 6511/17/COS of 21 December, 44.

2. It is regretted that information regarding this matter is not yet complete, but correspondence with Polish Corps is still in being, and we hope to be in a position to give you the necessary information shortly.

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Staff Capt.
for Group Captain,
Officer Commanding,
H.Q., A.M.G. EIGHTH ARMY.

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HEAD QUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
ESTABLISHMENT SECTION

93/48/EST 23 December 1944

26 DEC 1944

SUBJECT: Vehicle Investigation

TO : Chief of Staff

1. Reference your 206/100/CGS of 20 December.

2. Attention is invited to attached copy of letter from Lazio-Umbria Region.

3. Further report will be sent you as received.

incl: copy letter Lazio-Umbria Reg. R/3159 22 Dec. 1944

DUNCAN E. FISHER,
Colonel
Deputy Chief of Staff

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
LAZIO-UMBRIA REGION
APO 394

R/3159

22 December 1944

SUBJECT: Derequisition Car, Region IV - 131

TO : Headquarters Allied Commission
Attention: Executive Officer (US)

1. Reference yours 93/47/EJT dated 21 December 1944 above subject.

2. The investigating officer is Lt. Col. A.D. Bonham Carter (B), executive officer of this Headquarters. He has been appointed as of today and will start investigations immediately.

3. The derequisition and return of the car to its owner at this time, in the opinion of this Headquarters, is prejudicial to Lt. Corvini. This officer was acting in behalf of this Headquarters and was instrumental in requisitioning other passengers motor vehicles for us by personnel of this Region. It is requested that the matter remain in status quo until the results of the investigation, which will not be longer than two days. The results will be then submitted to you, with the recommendation of the investigating officer.

/s/ John D. Ames
JOHN D. AMES
Lt. Colonel, AGD,
Acting Regional Commissioner

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1 " Lt. Col. Bonham Carter
1 " Lt. Corvini
1 " File

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Chief of Staff

23/32/ECT

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22 DEC 1944

The Editor,
Risorgimento Liberale
Corso Umberto, 239
Rome

Dear Sir:

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This will acknowledge Count Cravalli's letter of the 20th November, enclosing a memorandum dealing with the requisitioning of the automobile of your paper "Risorgimento Liberale".

I have had the matter most carefully looked into—including an interview with the owner. Unfortunately, the requisition appears to be entirely in order, and the facts that the car is not actually the property of your paper, and that, at the time of requisitioning, it lacked a circulation permit, do not facilitate the solution of the problem.

I am sure that you appreciate our position. Were we, without regard to the urgent military necessity which prompted the original action — and which continues to exist — to derequisition cars the original requisition of which was in every way proper, we should shortly be faced with a shortage of transport that would seriously handicap the activities of the Commission.

Sincerely,

M. S. LUSH

Brigadier,
Chief of Staff

(Copy sent to 'A' Files)

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HEADQUARTERS
MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
UNITED STATES ARMY
APO 512

AG 451/767 D-O

17 December 1944
22 DEC 1944

SUBJECT : Requisitioning, Unrequisitioning, or Rental of Civilian Motor Vehicles by United States Military Forces.

TO : All Concerned.

1. Reference is made to :

a. Section II, Allied Force Headquarters Administrative Memorandum Number 59, dated 13 December 1944, subject : " Requisitioning and Unrequisitioning of Civilian Motor Transport ".

b. Allied Force Headquarters Administrative Memorandum Number 55, dated 27 December 1943, subject: Payments in Italian Territory".

c. Allied Force Headquarters Memorandum Number 31, dated 1 August 1944, subject : " Payments in Italian Territory."

d. Allied Force Headquarters Administrative Memorandum Number 57, dated 11 December 1944, subject : " Powers and Rights of Allied Forces in Italian Government Territory. "

2. In accordance with above cited, the following organizations are authorized to requisition and derequisition civilian motor vehicle in the areas of their res active responsibility under United States Army jurisdiction, south of the rear boundary of the 15th Army Group:

a. Peninsular Base Section
b. Headquarters Command, Allied Force.
c. Rome Area HTUSA
d. Adriatic Depot

3. A list of all requisitioned civilian motor vehicles presently on hand will be submitted immediately to this headquarters by the above for each unit under their command. A similar list will be submitted by Army Air Forces Command, MTC for all United States Air Force Units. Lists will include the following information and will be kept up to date by all subsequent changes:

a. Using Unit.
b. Model and type of vehicles.
c. Make or manufacturer of vehicle
d. Army Registration Number assigned to vehicle.
e. Condition as to serviceable, unserviceable, or salvaged.
f. AUTHORIZATION: (ie) Applies to an approved T/O & E, is authorized by an excess authorization (state authorization), or is an unauthorized excess.
g. Vehicle substituted in lieu of War Department vehicle, type 69A.

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4. All civilian vehicles required by the United States Air Corps will be requisitioned by PEIRASE or ADRIATIC DEPOT in their respective areas of responsibility.

5. It will be the responsibility of the requisitioning headquarters to maintain and control requisitioned civilian motorvehicles within its area of responsibility in accordance with existing United States Army Regulations.

6. Inasmuch as civilian motor vehicles requisitioned through United States Military channels are considered to be the property of the United States Government, non-United States military personnel authorized by commanding officers to operate this transportation will be held individually responsible in case of loss or damage to this property through neglect.

7. Prior to derequisitioning of a serviceable vehicle to its owner or the Italian Government, approval of this headquarters will be secured.

8. No vehicles will be rented from owners without prior approval of this Headquarters.

By command of Lieutenant General McNARNEY :

/s/ R. H. FRESE
/t/ R. H. FRESE
Capt, AGD.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
ESTABLISHMENT SECTION

93/47/EST

21 December 1944

SUBJECT: Requisitioned Car RIV - 131

21 DEC 1944
Inclosure 3C

TO : Regional Commissioner, Lazio-Umbria Region

1. Attention is invited to attached correspondence. Particular attention is invited to the attached memorandum 208/100/008, 20 Dec. 44, from the office of the Chief of Staff.

2. Immediate investigation will be made of this case, and a detailed report of the actions of Lt. Corvini submitted without delay to the Deputy Chief of Staff, Hq. Allied Commission.

3. Action will be initiated without delay to derequisition this car, which will be returned to the owner in condition equal to that at the time of requisition.

4. Acknowledgement of receipt of this letter will be made by indorsement hereon, and this office advised upon what date this vehicle will be returned to its owner.

By command of Rear Admiral STONE:

C. M. PARIN,
Colonel, Inf.,
Executive Officer (US)

cc: Chief of Staff

incl: Memorandum, 008
208/100/008, 20 Dec. 44

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Office of the Chief of Staff

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Vehicle Investigation

TO 03, Establishment Section, Hq AC 20 December 44

The attached memorandum and allied papers concerning the vehicle of Professor Marcello Perez is referred to your office for complete investigation and appropriate action. The Chief Commissioner has taken a direct interest in this case and has substantially verified all factual statements made therein. It is desired that a complete investigation be made of Lt Corvini's action in this matter and that appropriate disciplinary action be taken if justified. The vehicle in question should be derequisitioned as soon as practical in accordance with Lazio-Umbria Region's agreement.

Chief Staff Officer
To the Chief of Staff

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Liaison Division
Office of Chief of Staff

Tel: No. 472001

Ref: 6511/17/00S

21 December 1944

SUBJECT: Brazilian Minister's Car

TO : A.A.G. 8 Army

Reference our 6511/12/00S of 27 October 1944 and 6511/16/00S of 24 November 1944.

An explanation is required as to why no reply has yet been received.

For Brigadier
Chief of Staff

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Office of the Chief of Staff

Derequisitioning of Vehicle

208/105

14 December 43

Establishment Section (attention: Lt. Montant)

Reference attached correspondence, in view of the facts admitted by owner of vehicle in question, please draft appropriate letter to Carandini stating that existing conditions do not justify derequisitioning of vehicle.

Chief Staff Officer
To the Chief of Staff

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Tel. 289

Ref. 5804/—/CAS

29 November 1944.

SUBJECT: Requisitioning of Civilian Transport.

TO : Economic Section.

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Attached letter dated 22 Nov 44 from Mr. Arcangelo Ammannato, MASSIRA re proposed requisition of his truck is passed to you for appropriate action.

Chief Staff Officer,
To the Chief of Staff.

Copy to: SO to Chief Commissioner.

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Translation

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Matera, 22 November 1944

To Commodore A.W. Stone
A.C. H.Q.

R O M E

Since 1937, I have been entrusted with the Allotment of mineral oils for the Matera Province, and my appointment as representative of the Comitato Italiano Petroli - C.I.P. - has been ratified by the Allied Authorities in September 1943.

Last summer, in Matera, I rehabilitated a plant for the production of bricks, which had been inactive for about ten years, and which is of public utility because of the importance of bricks for the reconstruction of the country.

To this service, I destined a truck (Bianchi type), and a car. In September 1943, the Germans took them away, and I was faced with great difficulties of transport, especially for the fuel which I had and still have to get from Bari and distribute to the various agricultural centres of the province.

Showing great comprehension, the Allied Authorities helped me, first putting some vehicles at my disposal, and later on enabling me to recover my own vehicle. In December 1943, in the region of Miglionico, I found my Bianchi truck (1100 MT) damaged, and the wreckage of another Bianchi truck which seemed to have belonged to the Germans.

I then asked the Allied Military Government to be allowed to take back my vehicle and to make use of the other damaged car. The permission was granted on February 2nd 1944, and the public register for cars was authorized to transcribe and inscribe to my name the truck, which I meant to repair with the parts of the wrecked car which could still be used, and this with considerable work and expense.

The works took five months and I had to buy most of the spare pieces and all the tyres. The repaired truck was approved by the Bari Inspectorship for Motorization, and inscribed in the public register for cars of Matera; on May 11th, the R. Prefettura gave it a licence, and a number ( 1298 MT), specifying that it belonged to me.

During the harvest, this car brought the fuel required for agricultural works, and was also put at the disposal of the organizations of the public authority.

On November 1st, I received the order which I transcribe:
Allied Control Commission - Matera -

1st November 1944

To Mr. Annunziata
Matera

Considering that the Prefect of the Matera Province needs a truck for public requirements, this office requires the immediate delivery of your truck MT 1298.

ed. A.W. Reidpath Lt.
A.C.C. Matera

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The above mentioned officer then added verbally that the car would go to the R. Prefecture of Matera, which (it is well known) doesn't need any vehicle for public services dispose of those of the S.I.T.A. Company.

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To this notice I answered that I was ready to defend my rights, and I appeal to this Allied Commission.

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Summing up the facts, I point out that:

1) the said truck I got by repairing a wrecked car which had been regularly allotted to me; I paid a large sum to have it re-made and replaced the one that the Germans took away from me.
2) The Allied Authority which was then the Government of the liberated territory acknowledged my ownership of the truck which is now in my possession.
3) The said Authority had the P.S... register to my name the truck of which I am now to be deprived
4) Acknowledging the public utility of my industries, for which I had then no vehicle, for mine had been taken away by the Germans, the same Authority helped me giving me the temporary use of some of its cars.
5) The same Authority caused that I solemn ceremony who id take place for the resuming of the works, and was present to said ceremony, as can be seen from the photograph that was then taken, and which shows me with the Allied officials.
6) Therefore, to deprive me of my truck means attacking my right of property and misunderstanding the considerable public utility of my industries, which, without this indispensable mean of transport, will remain paralyzed, to the great prejudice of many workers that I shall have to dismiss.
7) The Salerno Prefettura had and has no need of trucks, and all public services dispose of a sufficient number of vehicles.
8) Should the competent Authority have to dispose of private property - and this for a public necessity, which doesn't exist in this case - it should obey the very definite regulations which discipline the procedure of the expropriations and requisitions, for they have no right to arrogate without more the property of a citizen, property which was been law ully acquired and duly registered.

It is painful to see that I am face d by this very serious situation, which isn't justify by a y reason whatever, when I ought to be helped by public authority because my industrial activity gives bread to a great number of families, and helps to the national reconstruction.

I will your Excellency give orders for this unlawful request should be withdrawn.

/s/ Arcangelo Ghisleri

Industrie Ghisleri
Via Roma,6 - Salerno

trans. A.C.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Liaison Division
Office of Chief of Staff

Tel: No. 47001

Ref: 6511/16/COS

2 November 1944

SUBJECT: Brazilian Minister's Car

TO : AMG 8 Army

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Reference our 6511/12/COS of 27 October 1944 a reply is required as soon as possible.

for Brigadier
Chief of Staff

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Office of the Chief of Staff

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Requisitioning of Vehicle

The Establishment Section, HQ, AC

23 November 44

Attention is invited to the attached translation of letter from the Minister Secretary of State Nicolo Carandini in regard to the requisitioning of car used by the "Risorgimento Liberale." This matter has already been referred to us (see attached copy of letter PRB/820 dated 8 Oct 44 from Public Relations Branch and extracted Minute 58 from this office file 208).

Kindly investigate further and draft appropriate reply for the signature of the COS.

Chief Staff Officer
To the Chief of Staff

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Translation

The Minister Secretary of State

Rome, 20 November 1944.

Dear Admiral,

I shall be most grateful if you have this request examined by your offices; I know it to be justified and necessary for our paper ' Risorgimento Liberale'.

I am leaving for London on Monday, and I very much wanted to say good-bye to you, but I have so much to do during these last few days that it won't be possible.

I mean to spend a few days in Rome at the end of December, and I hope to have the pleasure of seing you then.

I remain,

Truly yours,

/s/ Nicolo' Carandini

(Nicolo' Carandini)

Admiral Ellery Stone

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Translation.

RISORGIMENTO LIBERALE.

Memorandum

On September 22nd, the Office M.M.I.A. (Via Veneto, ex-Ministry of Corporations) requisitioned the car Fiat 1500, Rome 83203, belonging to Margherita Sacchi (viale Medaglie d'Oro, 122) hired on August 1st by " Risorgimento Liberale"for the service of the redaction.

The car was taken from the Silvestri Garage (Via Alberico II, 29) where it was being repaired. there were no tyres, for these were also being repaired by the vulcanizators Cametti and De Santis.

On August 7th, Risorgimento Liberale got a temporary circulation pass valid till August 31st, which should have become a permanent one after September 1st. The arrangement for this transformation were delayed because the car was taken on August 15th and recovered on the 30th having lost its number and its circulation pass of which it was necessary to get a duplicate.

When the car was requisitioned, we had already been granted an allotment of gasoline (100 Liters) for November, and a circulation pass, on the condition that M.M.I.A. should give back the car.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
ESTABLISHMENT SECTION

92/EST 15 November 1944

Subject: Requisitioned Vehicle -- Fiat 1500, Roma 74443

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To : Ministero del Tesoro, Il Ministro

1. I am directed by the Chief Commissioner to refer to your P. No. 922, of 13 November. I am informed that the car in question, requisitioned by the Civilian Car Requisitioning Section of the Office of G-4, on the 13th of October, lacked, at the time of requisitioning, both wheels and tires.

2. Further, this vehicle had no circulation permit and having been informed that the vehicle was, in fact, the property of a private citizen, rather than of the Italian Government, the requisition appeared to G-4 to be justifiable.

3. If, however, the Instituto Nazionale per I Cambi con l' Estero wishes to submit evidence to the office of G-4 that the vehicle in question is actually the property of the Istituto, and not that of an individual, the matter will be reopened, and the case of derequisitioning given consideration.

For the Chief Commissioner:

NORMAN E. FISKE

Colonel
Deputy Chief of Staff
Establishment Section

Copy to: Chief of Staff
Staff Officer of the
Chief Commissioner

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Office of the Chief of Staff.

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Requisitioned Car.

DCOS, Pat Sec.

13 November 1944.

Attached original and translation of a letter, No.922 of 13 Nov 44, from the Department of Treasury to the Chief Commissioner, is forwarded. Will you please submit a reply in draft for his signature.

Chief Staff Officer,
To the Chief of Staff.

KT/JG.

Copy to: JO to CC.

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Translation

Department of Treasury
The Minister

n. 922

Rome, 13 November 1944

To Commodore E. Stone
Allied Commission
R o m e

Subject: Requisition of a Fiat car belonging to the Istituto Nazional per i Cambi con l'Estero.

On October 13th, the G-4 Office of Headquarters Allied Commission requisitioned the Fiat 1500 engine 032503, chassis 032360, Rome 94443, belonging to the Istituto Nazionale per i cambi coll'Estero.

On the 20th, I wrote to the said office to ask for the car to be given back, but it hasn't been returned yet.

As the said Institute, which depends directly from my Ministry, has very important functions connected with the economic reorganization of Italy, and with the functions of all the banks, I ask you personally to see that the requisition is cancelled, and the car returned to the Institute which needs it to carry on its activity which is important for the nation.

Trusting in your kind intervention, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

/s/ .....

trans. L.C.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
AFO 394
Liaison Division
Office of Chief of Staff

Ref: 6511/15/003

1 November 1944

SUBJECT : Fiat Car 500, Roma 0725

TO : Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Palazzo Chigi
Rome

Reference your 6/194/94 of August 7th 1944.

1. After prolonged enquiries the officer in question has finally been traced, and the irregularity of his conduct has been pointed out to him.

2. The car was stolen from him two months ago, and although he reported the theft immediately to the proper authorities, no trace of it has yet been found. All documents were lost with the car.

For Chief Commissioner:

R.

for Brigadier
Chief of Staff

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ALLIED COMMISSION
Liaison Division
Office of Chief of Staff
APO 394

Ref: AG 6511/12/CO5

27 October 1944

SUBJECT : Brazilian Ministar's Car

TO : AMG, 8th Army

Attached are copies of two letter which are self explanatory.

Would you please institute enquiries with Polish Corps, and find out if anything can be done to meet the request contained in Para 5 of the Brazilian Consul General's letter.

Brigadier
Chief of Staff

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Ref: 6511/14003 27 October 1944.

SUBJECT: Fiat Car 500, Rome 0723

TO : British Legation to the Holy See
Vatican City
(Attention Leigh Smith Esq.)

On the 10th October I wrote to Montgomery asking him if he could give me any information about a Fiat Car 500, Licence plate Rome 0723, which may have been used by your Legation in June or July of this year.

As yet I have had no reply, and I would be grateful to know if the Legation has had any previous correspondence on this subject, and if so, from whom.

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TO : U.S. ACC Liaison Division
FROM : P.C. Abruzzi-Marche Region
SUBJECT : Brazilian Minister car
REF : 3 16/19
DATE : 24.October 1944

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Referring your memo(6511/G/COS) forwarding letter from the Brazilian Consul-General.

Repeated visits have been made to contact Lt.Col.LEVINEY (Polish Forces)Commander of "Gruppo Patriotti Nelle Retrolie" but without success.

Enquiries show that the car in question is still possessed by Lt.Col.LEVINEY who is in forward area.

I was told that requisition of the car has now been taken over by the "Polish Corps" and no other information could be obtained locally.

A.G.Ellis Capt

A.G.ELLIS
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COS 26 Oct 44.

Reference No. 57, G-4 (A) spoke to Col Kerr on the subject who informed the former that the car never belonged to Risorgimento Liberale, but to a civilian who wanted to rent it to the newspaper. G-4 (A) states that the next stop higher is RAAC Requisitioning authorities. G-4 (A) cannot do anything.

Car was returned to PRO Oct 21 1944. with the above notation.

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Colonel,
Executive Officer (US).

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PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

PRB/R20 18 Oct 44

SUBJECT : CAR FOR "RISORGIMENTO LIBERALE" 18 OCT Recd

TO : Chief of Staff, A.C.C.

1. I am very much embarassed by a case of requisitioning by an officer of M.M.I.A. which directly cuts across my own (apparent) duties. By agreement with the requisitioning authorities of Region lV (Via Tommacelli) it was established in July that authorised daily newspapers in Rome would be permitted to have ONE car each. This is not very much, and it was clear when the agreement was made that we could scarcely give less, since without any transport at all a newspaper, even if authorised, would be hamstrung! There was of course no agreement or intention to provide cars or petrol : but merely to give one "permit to circulate" to each authorised newspaper.

2. On 22 September 1944 Major Pinkley of the M.M.I.A., (using his own requisition form) seized the car belonging to the "RISORGIMENTO LIBERALE". The Editor appealed to me. After failing (very conspicuously) to make any dent whatsoever on Major Pinkley, I wrote to General Browning as per attached copy. The verbal reply was that this was an American matter in which he could not intervene, and I should consult Colonel Kerr. No dents (even by Miss Bett) can be made in Colonel Kerr who, in defence of his arguments, quotes General Wilson's Special Order on requisitioning of July and adds that ACC anyway disposes of some 800 cars, all of which were doubtless not serving essential purposes, and that one of these might therefore be allotted to the "RISORGIMENTO LIBERALE".

3. Meantime the "RISORGIMENTO LIBERALE" naturally dogs my footsteps. I cannot get back their car or provide them with another. Am I to tell them that the Allies

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disagree amongst themselves and the ACC has no power? This seems to be a matter of principle, because M.M.I.A., in these circumstances, seem to be able to requisition any car, even if ACC has earmarked it. Furthermore, this type of incident creates a very bitter feeling of resentment and a sense of being treated with marked injustice in the minds of newspaper men who could, if they choose to do so, give voice to their indignation in vitriolic terms.

4. May I please have your comments on what action is to be taken in this and similar future cases of this nature.

Lionel Fielden.

LIONEL FIELDEN
Major
Public Relations Director.

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PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

PRB/R20 1 Oct 44

SUBJECT : Requisitioning of car

TO : Major-General L. Browning, Army Sub-Commission.

I hesitate to trouble you with this but do not know who else to go to. We are supposed to look after the Italian Press and some time ago it was decided that each authorized daily newspaper should have one car - which after all is not very much, and a newspaper is hamstrung without transport. It appears that MMIA has special requisitioning facilities outside normal channels and unfortunately Major Pinkley dropped on the only car possessed by "RISORGIMENTO". They naturally came to me. I don't know quite what to do. But it is very hard indeed for "RISORGIMENTO" to find another car, whereas Major Pinkley, it seems to me, could do so. It would be a decent gesture, I think, to return it to the owner.

(Sgd)
LIONEL FIELDEN
Major
Public Relations Director.

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Ref: 6511/9/003

11 October 1944.

SUBJECT: Brazilian Minister's Car

TO. : Provincial Commissioner
Abruzzi-Marche Region

1. Attached is a copy of a letter from the Brazilian Consul-General in Rome.

2. Will you please investigate, and inform this office if any trace of the car can be found.

(SGD) E. Brown

Brigadier
Chief of Staff

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Liaison Division
Office of Chief of Staff
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Ref: 6511/008 10 October 1944

SUBJECT: Fiat 500, Roma 0723

TO : H. Montgomery Esq.
British Legation to the Holy See
Vatican City

My dear Montgomery.

Can you give me any information about a Fiat car 500, licence plate Roma 0723, which may have been used by your Legation in June or July of this year?

I would also be grateful to know if the Legation has had any previous correspondence on this subject, and, if so, from whom.

I won't forget about your trip home. The powers that-be won't be given any peace until the necessary permission is forthcoming.

Yours sincerely
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CONSULADO GERAL DOS ESTADOS UNIDOS DO BRASIL

Rome, October 3rd., 1944.

8 OCT Recd

William Schott, Esq.
Political Section
Allied Control Commission.

Dear colleague,

Mr. Luiz Sparano, Brazilian Minister, formerly Councillor to the Embassy in Rome, upon leaving this city in 1941, ceded his motor-car temporarily to his attorney, Marquis Guglielmo Serafini. On the expiration of the delay, in June 1944, the property of the car returned legally to Mr. Sparano.

2. It appears however, that the vehicle was seized, in July 1944, by the Polish Major Leviski, Commander of the organization called "Gruppo Patrioti della Maiella", who issued an order of requisition signed by himself.

3. This took place in the villa Coletti, Cesolo S. Severino Marche (Province of Macerata), where the car had been hidden to avoid nazi-fascist requisition.

4. The car is a Fordor Sedan De Luxe model 1939, four doors, conversible, painted black, leather cushions, 38 HP, motor V-8 nr. 18-5058982, body nr. 5058982/ It had a plate of Rome, nr. 79-564.

5. I would very much appreciate your applying to Allied or Italian Military authorities as the case may be, in order that Mr. Sparano's car be returned to his property. The attorney above-mentioned esteems that in the event of the car not being found an indemnity not inferior to L.500.000 be paid to him by the responsible party.

Thanking you in advance for your kind intervention

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Yours very sincerely

V. de Cunha

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C O P I A

PRO-MEMORIA PER S.E. IL MINISTRO DEL BRASILE IN ROMA

S.E. il Dott. Luiz Sparanc già Ministro del Brasile presso il Quirinale e poi presso la Confederazione Elvetica, cedette la sua auto Ford tipo di lusso apribile al sottoscritto Marchese Ing. Guglielmo Serafini di Camillo con patto di riscatto nell'aprile 1942.

Detta auto intestata al M.se Ing. Guglielmo Serafini porta la targa Roma 79-564 ed ha le seguenti caratteristiche:
Vettura a quattro porte apribile Fordor Sedan de Luxe tipo 1939 verniciata in nero e foderata in pelle, quattro ruote sono munite di pneumatici Dunlop nuovi, una ruota di pneumatico Goodyear nuova. HP. 38 -
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telaio n. 5058982

L'auto fu lasciata dal sottoscritto nella villa Coletti in Cesole S. Severino Marche (Prov. di Macerata), fu salvata da ogni requisizione di nazisti e di fascisti.

Giunte le truppe liberatrici, il Maggiore polacco Levixi, Comandante la Banda Maiella (patriotti) ai primi di luglio s'impossessò a forza della macchina rilasciando una ricevuta del seguente tenore:

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COMANDANTE BANDA MAIELLA

Fto Magg. Levixi

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Il fattore della Villa Coletti, Sig.Mario Egidi, che aveva in consegna l'auto, fece reclamo presso il Governatore Alleato di S.Severino Marche, questo che era di nazionalità inglese fu però subito sostituito da altro nord americano al quale fu ripresentato il reclamo stesso. Frattanto il Magg.Levixi inviò al fattore Sig.Mario Egidi un foglio provvisorio di requisizione così compilato:

"GRUPPO PATRIOTTI MAIELLA"

"Si comunica che questo Gruppo ha requisito la macchina n. 79564 targata Roma di proprietà del Sig. Serafini Guglielmo in temporanea consegna.

"Cupramontana li 21 luglio 1944.

"IL COMANDANTE DEL GRUPPO PATRIOTTI

T i m b r o DELLA MAJELLA"

(f.to Magg. Levixi)

Però dati i reclami presentati agli Alleati da S.E. Accioly Ambasciatore del Brasile presso la S.Sede e altro presentato ~~presentato~~ all'Ambasciatore Polacco dalla Secreteria di Stato di S.Santità, il Magg. Levixi si è voluto mettere meglio a posto e ai primi di settembre ha fatto notificare al Sig.Mario Egidi a mezzo del Sindaco del Comune di Ceselo il seguente foglio di requisizione che trascrivo alla lettera:

"BRIGATA PATRIOTTI MAJELLA"

COMANDO

DUPLICATO

FOGLIO REQUISIZIONE

"Il giorno 4 del mese di agosto nell'anno 1944 (millenovecentoquarantaquattro).

- Vista l'autorizzazione del Comando 184° Divisione Paracadutisti

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Leviski alla requisizione di automezzi necessari alla Brigata Majella;

- Viste le necessità della Brigata di fornirsi di automezzi, si è addivinuto alla determinazione di requisire per uso esclusivamente militare il sottonotato automezzo:

- Automobile Ford Car. N.79564

- già di proprietà del Governatore della Città del Vaticano, in possesso del Sig/ Serafini Guglielmo di Cesolo (S.Severino Marche).

Fatto e sottoscritto alla data di cui sopra

Per (Firma illegibile)

IL COMANDANTE DELLA BRIGATA MAJELLA

(Magg.Lewiski)

E' inutile notare le tre varie forme di requisizione, la prima rimonta ai primi di luglio e il Magg.Lewiski sapeva che la macchina era sotto la protezione del Vaticano e che il proprietario figurante era il Marchese Ing.Guglielmo Serafini figlio del Governatore della Città del Vaticano e non il Sig.Guglielmo Serafini di Cesolo.

Il Dott.Luiz Sparano ha esercitato il suo patto di riscatto dell'auto fin dai primi giorni del giugno 1944 con un suo telegramma a S.E. l'Ambasciatore Hildebrando Accioly.

Occorre che l'auto o sia restituita al legittimo proprietario Dott. Luiz Sparano e per lui ai suoi procuratori generali o sia pagata per il suo valore non inferiore oggi a L.500.000.- (cinquecentomila).

Roma li 23 Settembre 1944

f.to Marchese Ing. Guglielmo Serafini
3, Via Laurentina - Roma

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Liaison Department

We have no record of this previous memorandum. Have you? If not, would you take up with British Legation to the Holy See.

Political Section,
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Ministero degli Affari Esteri

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE POLITICAL SECTION A.C.

This Ministry would be grateful if the Political Section would kindly reply to memorandum of August 7th n°6/194/94 concerning a motor-car formerly belonging to an Official of the German Embassy in Rome.

Rome, October 2nd. 1944.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
POLITICAL SECTION

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs takes leave to submit to the Political Section, A.C.C., the following facts:

On the 26th of July the Protocol Bureau of the Ministry was informed that a FIAT car 500, licence plate ROMA 0723 had been found unattended.

According to the records of the Protocol Bureau, this car had at one time belonged to Baron von Plessen, former Minister Plenipotentiary with the German Embassy in Rome. It was taken to Palazzo Chigi during the same afternoon, in agreement with the Police Station of Campo Marzio and in order to avoid the car being damaged.

On the morning of the 27th July, a British Officer called at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and stated that the car had been for several weeks at the disposal of the British Military Authorities and specified that it had been used, in the first instance, by the British Legation with the Holy See. On the request of the said Officer to regain possession of the car, the Protocol Bureau replied that it would be first necessary to produce some documents showing that the car actually belonged to the British Authorities.

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