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REGISTRATION, CIVILIAN VEHICLES
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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

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SUBJECT : Circulation of Vatican & Diplomatic Motor
Vehicles.

TO : Director, Public Safety Sub-Commission.

1. Reference to letter 380/1/GA, dated 24 August 1944, in which the Executive Commissioner directs that the registration, etc., of the a/m vehicles is a matter for this Sub-Commission.
2. G-4, this Headquarters, has handed over to this Sub-Commission a supply of permits which they were preparing to issue in respect of the vehicles in question.
3. During the time I was Chief Motor Transportation Division, Rome Region (later Region IV), I made the arrangements described below with regard to these vehicles, and the following are extracts from the Rome press of about 21 July:-

"Requests for permits by the Diplomatic Corps accredited to the Quirinale will be forwarded through the Italian Foreign Office.
Requests for permits by the Diplomatic Corps accredited to the Holy See will be forwarded through the State Secretary to the Holy See.
All applications must be accompanied by the following documents issued by one of the following authorities:-

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For vehicles owned by Religious Institutes and Orders and other Religious Communities or Ecclesiastical Foundations. The Vicar General of Rome. For vehicles with Italian Registration numbers and dependent upon the Holy See. The Stato della Citta del Vaticano - Direzione Generale - Servizi Tecnici.

4. These arrangements were made in agreement with:-

- (a) Political Branch, HQ ACC., as to Diplomatic cars accredited to the Italian Government. Vatican Relations Officer, through whom applications forms, etc., were transmitted to the Vatican.
- (c) Mr. Harold Tittman the American Chargé d'Affaires who supplied the list of diplomats accredited to the Vatican.
- (d) The Vicar General of Rome, Cardinal Marchetti, who agreed to screen all applications submitted by religious except those connected with the Vatican.
- (e) Mr. Galeazzi, Vatican Governatorate, who agreed to the arrangement re Italian registered cars used in the service of the Vatican.
- (f) Commerce Sub-Commission (Major Brereton).

5. It was intended that the Vatican and Diplomatic Cars should be dealt with as follows:-

(a) Vatican Cars.

(i) Vatican State Registered Vehicles.

No circulation permits required, but a special sticker overprinted with the Vatican colors and issued by the Vatican Relations officer was agreed to. Petrol supplies to be furnished by the Vatican from their allocation.

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(ii) Italian Registered Vehicles.

Standard circulation permits and POL ration cards to be issued on the request of Eng. Galeazzi. The POL involved to be debited from the Vatican allocation and added to Region IV allocation by arrangement.

(I understand circulating permits are now issued on the request of any section of the Governatorato, but no fuel cards are issued, the Governatorato undertaking to supply the fuel).

(b) Diplomatic Cars.

(i) Accredited to the Vatican.

Standard circulation permits overprinted with the letters CD have been issued in the case of 76 vehicles in accordance with the list supplied by Mr. Harold Pittman, American Charge d'Affaires. Standard permits, without the letters CD, have been issued in the case of a supplementary list which was supplied by RAC.

(ii) Accredited to the Italian Government.

No permits have so far been issued.

The question of POL supplies in the case of diplomatic vehicles was referred to HQ AOC., and it is anticipated by Commerce Sub-Commission that a special pump for Diplomats will be available as from 1 September.

6. This Sub-Commission is working closely with Commerce Sub-Commission, and it is hoped that a draft instruction agreed to by the Vatican and the Italian Government covering all aspects of this matter will be submitted in a few days.

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Copy: ~~Attn (Pet Section).~~
RC & MG Section (You
380/1/CA refers)
~~Region IV (Attn. Motor Transportation~~
~~Division)~~
Commerce Sub-Commission (Attn. Major Brereton)

To: Establishment Branch.
From: Executive Commissioner.

Ref 850/11/0A

24th August 1944.

The Public Safety Sub-Commission (Major Ballance) has evolved a plan for the registration etc., of vehicles belonging to the Nation. This is a matter for the Public Safety Sub-Commission and any work on it now being done by Colonel Clough should be handed over to them.

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c.c. Adm Sec.

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