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NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR THE
DISTRIBUTION OF RELIEF IN ITALY
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
ESTABLISHMENT SECTION

File

Date 8 March 11

FROM

TO

Deputy Chief of Staff

78th Air Officer

Executive Officer

Executive Officer

G-1 (A)

G-1 (B)

G-4 (A)

G-4 (B)

Headquarters Commandant

Adjutant

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MAR 8 1945		
C. C.		

FOR:

Draft of reply for signature of
Please see/telephone me about this
Investigation and report.

Answer

Signature

Approval/Disapproval

Your Information and return

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMBATANTS
APO 394
Liaison Division
Office of the Executive Commissioner

File No. 479301

Ref: 105/94/33(R)

7 March 1945

SUBJECT: Report on A.M.I. Transport

TO : The Honorable Myron G. Taylor
2, Via Surocopagni
Rome

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

In reply to your letter of 5 March 1945, the statement made by Ingegnere MINETTI is accepted and understood.

For your information and guidance General Routine Orders Serial 14 of 7 April 1944, Number 507 is quoted:-

"No civilian will be carried in war Department owned, requisitioned or hired motor vehicles."

Sincerely yours,

Reynolds Capt.
LORD REYNOLDS
Captain

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Copy to:
Deputy Executive Commissioner.

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Attached noted

Daily Bulletin No 181 para 7
of 25 July 44
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General Routine Orders
Serial 14 of 7 April 44
No 307

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FROM _____ TO _____

→ Deputy Chief of Staff	
→ Staff Officer	
Executive Officer	SAO COMMANDANT
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Copy for: Deputy Chief of Staff ✓
Headquarters Allied Commission

2, Via Boncompagni

Rome, March 5, 1945. 13

Dear Lord Ranfurly:

In reply to your letter reference (105/81/EC(L) of March 2, 1945, enclosed you will find a letter filed the 19th of February with the Ente Nazionale per la Distribuzione Dei Soccorsi in Italia (ENDSI), in which a statement was made by Ing. Moneti giving the particulars concerning the matter brought to our attention in your letter of March 2nd.

Ing. Moneti states that in the regular course of his business going from Lanciano, in the province of Chieti, to Sulmona he picked up two young boys by the name of Sipriani, 15 and 17 years old, respectively, who were walking through the snow to Avezzano to take the university examinations, a distance of 45 kilometers. In keeping with the philosophy that the National Committee for the Distribution of Relief could offer all legitimate assistance to people in need in Italy, and understanding that there was space in the automobile and that the direction these boys were going would not in any way cause this vehicle to digress from the most direct route to its destination, Ing. Moneti picked up the two boys and took them with him. Enroute the two boys were most helpful in pushing the car out of snow banks and also assisting in the repair of a tire. While Ing. Moneti and the A.C. driver were eating lunch in the town of Tagliacozzo the two boys agreed to sit in the car and protest it during the driver's absence. A military police officer requested of the two boys, while they were sitting in the car, their right to be in the vehicle. Inasmuch as this is not in military territory they were not in possession of any passes or permits.

We appreciate that perhaps this is a violation of military regulations, to have two boys picked up on the highway, but wish to present the facts of the case to you. We would also appreciate a clarification for future conduct of the use of military vehicles. Is it not possible for bona-fide executives of the national

Lord Ranfurly, Captain
Headquarters Allied Commission,
Office of the Executive Commissioner,
Rome.

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relief agency to pick up people on the highway and transport them within liberated Italy, provided they do not overload the vehicle, do not deviate from their most direct route, and make no charge? It is our desire to comply entirely with the regulations of the military. We do believe, however, that in this case Ing. Moneti was merely expressing a most understandable interest in assisting the two boys on their way.

Sincerely yours,

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

Copy to:

Deputy Chief of Staff
Headquarters Allied Commission

ENTE NAZIONALE PER LA DISTRIBUZIONE DEI SOCCORSI IN ITALIA

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L'Ente Nazionale costituito con Decreto Legislativo n. 289 del 28.9.1944 n. 2231

ROMA

VIA VITTORIO VENETO 69

Roma, 19 Febbraio 1945

Alle DIREZIONE E.N.D.S.I.

R O M A

Ho sempre ritenuto che una vettura posta dall'A.C. a disposizione del nostro Ente fosse autorizzata, sotto la responsabilità del funzionario che l'ha in uso, ad estendere il soccorso anche a quei numero di italiani che in questo momento sono esposti a gravi disagi per la grande deficienza di mezzi di comunicazione; purché naturalmente ciò non portasse né danno al materiale né maggiore consumo di carburante.

Con questa convinzione ho, tra l'altro, trasportato tutte le volte che ciò ha coinciso con i viaggi che dovevo effettuare per il mio servizio) profughi da Chiati e Lanciano o a Sulmona.

Seguendo questo costante criterio il giorno 17 u.s., avendo a disposizione per il viaggio da Roma ad Avezzano la vettura Fiat 1100 ter della A.C.N. 184, ho consentito alla preghiera rivoltami dai fratelli Mario e Paolo Cipriani (rispettivamente di anni 15 e 17 di trasportarli da Carsoli ad Avezzano ove dovevano recarsi per prendere parte agli esami di ammissione al Liceo.

Essi per l'assoluta mancanza di mezzi di trasporto erano decisi e pronti a recarsi ad Avezzano a piedi, affrontando pur di poter sostenere nella sessione in corso, gli esami predetti, un viaggio di circa 45 km. in buona parte sulla neve.

Durante il viaggio la presenza dei due fratelli Cipriani, non solo non è stato di alcun aggravo, ma è stata utile prima nel disinquinare la vettura dalla neve sulla curva sopra Rocca di Verro, poi nella guardia alla vettura stessa durante il pasto mio e dell'autista a Tagliacozzo, dopo la ripartenza eseguita in detto paese ad una sosta bucatasi nei pressi di Rocca di Carro.

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Durante il viaggio la presenza dei due fratelli Cipriani, non solo non è stato di alcun aggravio, ma è stata utile prima nel fissare l'angolo della vettura dalla parte della curva sopra Rocca di Cerro, poi nella guardia alla vettura stessa durante il passo mio e dell'autista a Tagliacozzo, dopo la riparazione eseguita in detto paese ad una gomma bucatasi nei pressi di Rocca di Cerro.

Appunto durante questa sosta a Tagliacozzo un Capitano della Polizia inglese ha notato la loro presenza ed ha domandato spiegazioni in proposito, spiegazioni che io ho fornito ripetendo a lui che, secondo me, rientrava nell'opera di soccorso esplicata dall'E.N.D.S.I. il trasporto concesso.

F.to Ing. Ronetti Gaetano

Si conferma quanto sopra esposto dall'Ing. Ronetti.

(Ing. G. B. Vicentini)

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 154
Liaison Division
Office of the Executive Commissioner

Tel: No. 478001

Ref: 105/81/20(1)

2 March 1945

SUBJECT: Report on A.R.I. Transport

TO : The Honorable Myron G. Taylor
2, Via Washington
Rome

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

On the 11th March 45, a request for transport was made by A.R.I. on behalf of Dag. Maetli and two persons, plus personal baggage to transport these people to APO 154 for a period of five days on "different services for the Commission". This request was signed by Edward E. Kerr, Deputy Chairman, A.R.I., and vehicle No. 14-184 was provided accordingly on the 17th.

On the 18th this vehicle was seen by Capt. Jackson of Virginia region outside a hotel in TACLIACCHIO with two persons seated inside. Neither of them were in possession of an authority which was not only out of date and, therefore, invalid, but was also note out to some other person of the same surname.

After enquiry, Dag. Maetli, who had the authority to use the car, was found in the hotel and told that he would be reported for carrying unauthorized passengers.

It would be appreciated if this misuse of Allied Commission transport could be looked into with a view to preventing a recurrence thereof.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]
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LIEUTENANT
CAPTAIN

Copy to:

Deputy Chief of Staff
H.Q. A.C. ✓

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COMMANDING GENERAL NYOUSA

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CONFIDENTIAL PERIOD MR MYRON TAYLOR AS HEAD OF AMERICAN
RELIEF FOR ITALY HAS REQUESTED SIX CIVILIAN REQUISITIONED SEDANS
FOR STAFF OF NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR DISTRIBUTION OF RELIEF IN ITALY
AND ONE ARMY SEDAN AND ONE C AND R FOR MR HOWARD BARR HIS DEPUTY
PERIOD PARKER TO COMMANDING GENERAL NYOUSA FROM HEADQUARTERS ALCON
PARKER ALCON IS ENDEAVORING TO FURNISH THE CIVILIAN SEDANS BUT
CANNOT SUPPLY ARMY SEDAN AND C AND R PERIOD CAN YOU FURNISH

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
ESTABLISHMENT SECTION

File

Date

28 Jan

FROM

TO

Deputy Chief of Staff

WA Staff Officer

Executive Officer (A)

Executive Officer (B)

G-1 (A)

G-1 (B)

G-4 (A)

G-4 (B)

→ Headquarters Commandant

Adjutant



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FOR:

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Your File

W. H. Woodcutt

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HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES
 APC 304
 Immigration Sub-Committee

Ref: 42/17/1

20 January 1945

SUBJECT: Use of Trucks by Syron Taylor's Organization

TO: 1. APC, Toronto, Ont.

1. Reference your 19,07/45 dated 10 Jan.
2. Syron Taylor's Organization asked originally for a permanent allocation of passenger carrying vehicles. The U.S. Commandant was unable to allocate this, but has assisted by carrying passengers for the organization, when requested.
3. Subsequently the organization asked for assistance in load carrying vehicles from the U.S. Commandant; he was able to meet their first demand, but not their second. The demand was not submitted to the U.S.
4. The U.S. Commandant has been requested to refer future demands to this U.S. who will, in an emergency, do what they can to assist. However, as the load carrying is for the purpose of carrying essentially relief stores for the Italian civil population, the stores should normally be carried by Italian civil vehicles, over which this U.S. has no control at present, and many of which are employed in non-essential traffic.

Copy to: 1. Col. Parks (Establishment Sec.)
 2. Commandant

Noted C.M.P.

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13/12 Discussed with Mr Taylor
who has agreed to use our
motor pool instead of ordering
for these cars. HQ units
notified.

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Ministero delle Corporazioni

MEMORANDUM:

IL MINISTRO

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

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Originator's Reference: **F66612**
Date/Time of Origin: **DEC 102130A**

Message Center No: **C/3595**
Date/Time Recd: **DEC 110700A**
Precedence: **ROUTINE**

FROM **SIGNED CG MTOUSA CITE NAODE**
TO **HQ ALOCM**

CONFIDENTIAL.

Army sedans and C and R are very critical in supply.
Will civilian requisitioned cars meet the requirements requested
in your 7724 dated 6 December 1944? If a C and R is absolutely
necessary, can this not be furnished from those of 2675 Regiment.

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ALLIED COMMISSION
A. C.

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ACTION - Estb. Sec. (2)
INFO - Chief Commissioner
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*All cars assigned to 2675 Regt now being
operated with 5 Army and is field essential
units*

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APO 394
Establishment Section

Ref/63/Est

HEF/ARO
11 December 1944

Memo:

To : Colonel Cripps, Civil Affairs Section, A.C.

You will see from Mr. Taylor's letter and the attached telegram to AFHQ what action has been taken in this matter. The Headquarters Commandant has submitted a list of all vehicles which he considers to be suitable and might be requisitioned for Mr. Taylor by the appropriate Italian Government Ministry.

I would appreciate it if you would take it up with whatever ministry is involved, with a view to supplying Mr. Taylor with what he needs for his Italian staff.

NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel
Deputy Chief of Staff

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

OFFICE OF THE HEADQUARTERS COMMANDANT

APO 384

202/23

11 December 44

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SUBJECT: Mr. Myron Taylor's Request.

TO : Deputy Chief of Staff, Establishments Section.

1. I refer to our conversation in regard to six civilian vehicles for Mr. Myron Taylor's relief organization.

2. Enquiries have been made and observations taken of all civilian vehicles operating in RMC at present. The following list is submitted as being suitable vehicles to be requisitioned by the Italian Government on behalf of Mr. Myron Taylor's organization:

<u>License</u>	<u>Make</u>
Roma 7183	Lancia Aprilia
74823	Lancia Aprilia
Roma 82781	Roadster
Roma 82732	Lancia Ardea (New)
Roma 80850	Lancia Aprilia
Roma 8867	Lancia Aprilia
Roma 82774	Fiat 1800
Roma 80011	Lancia Aprilia
Roma 89188	
Roma 87008	Fiat 1800
Roma 77872	Fiat 1800
Roma 86367	Fiat 1800
Roma 80002	Fiat 1800
Roma 80007	Lancia Aprilia (Roadster)
Roma 88879	Fiat 1800

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W. R. ROBERTSON
Sg. Commandant.

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DEPARTMENT
OF DEFENSE
A. C.

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Army sections and G and H are very critical in supply.)
Will civilian requisitioned cars meet the requirements requested
in your 7724 dated 6 December 1947. If a G and H is absolutely
necessary, can this not be furnished from those of 2673 Regiment.

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ACTION - Est. Sec. (2)
INFO - Chief Commissioner
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COMMANDING GENERAL MTOUSA

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2 Via Boncompagni

Rome, December 5, 1944.

Commodore Hilary W. Stone, USNR
Chief, Allied Commission
Rome.

My dear Commodore Stone:

With respect to the distribution of the large volume of materials assembled by generous donations in the United States, now exceeding four and one half million pounds, with the work of assembling continuing there, I wish to summarize briefly the basis for the request I am about to make, the various steps that we have taken, and our accomplishments in respect to

- a) Shipment
- b) Reception at Italian ports
- c) Plans for distribution beginning with the most devastated areas of the released portions of Italy and the necessity for supervision in those areas by authorized officers and staff officers of the National Committee for the Distribution of Relief in Italy.

a) After long and strenuous efforts we have succeeded in having up to this time somewhat more than half of the four and one half million pounds of material actually shipped.

b) The bulk of these shipments have now arrived at Italian ports where the National Committee, acting with the cooperation of American Relief for Italy, had arranged for a Cathedral and a number of churches to be used as warehouses, no regular warehouse being available. The Italian Government has provided, at first 100 and now 200 Carabinieri from the northern part of Italy, who have guarded the arrival, unloading, transportation and storing in the warehouses of the material in question. Up to the moment our reports indicate that only a minimum of loss in these operations has taken place.

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c) Plans for distribution in the devastated areas have been arranged so that a central warehouse at Lanciano, owned by the Italian Government - used as a tobacco assembly station for the area - with its full staff of clerks, warehouse attendants and workers has been gratuitously given for this work, and delivery by truck and rail from Naples to this central warehouse for that area will begin on Wednesday of this week. Free transportation by rail has been willingly arranged by the Italian Government and truck transportation has been generously provided by the Allied Commission. The distribution from the Central Warehouse at Lanciano to the various Provinces and communes will begin within a week. The communes have undertaken to provide their own transportation from the Central Warehouse at Lanciano into the various Provinces and communes. In the various communes, under the guidance of American Relief for Italy the National Committee for Distribution of Relief in Italy has organized communal committees consisting of the "Sindaco", the Parish priest and representatives of the Italian Red Cross.

Returning then to the question of over-all supervision, the Director of Italian Relief Committee (Vicentini) naturally will be in primary control of operations. He will be assisted by warehousing supervisors and transportation experts. We also have the promise, on a limited time basis, of one of the transportation experts of the American Red Cross. We have, in addition, loaned to us by the American Red Cross, without expense and furnishing Red Cross vehicles, at present two, but ultimately four American Red Cross field representatives.

The staff of the National Committee devoted to the direction and supervision therefore requires immediately:

6 civilian type Sedan vehicles for continuous use. As these vehicles will go into the interior, subject to difficult weather and highway conditions, it is very important that they should be equipped with the best tires and to be in the very best condition. It has been indicated that these vehicles might be requisitioned for this purpose. That, of course, is outside our jurisdiction. These vehicles should also be equipped with adequate permits so that without difficulty or delay they may be able to obtain supplies of gasoline and to be serviced.

In addition, for the use of American Relief for Italy

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in particular for the use of Mr. Howard Barr, my Deputy,
we require:

One Plymouth or Chevrolet Sedan of the army type,
in good condition, and one C&R Command car for use in
the mountainous region.

Your practical experience will indicate the im-
portance and urgency of this, which after all is not an
unusual request, considering the number of such cars in
use for less important purposes.

Will you therefore lend your cooperation and instruct
those who are in a position to grant these modest requests,
to put them into effect through some person who is compe-
tent to discover vehicles of a quality and condition suit-
able for the difficult and continuous service that will be
required. This operation is expected to continue through
many months and therefore it should be organized upon a
basis of permanency, and that means provision of the best
equipment.

With kindest regards, believe me

Sincerely yours,

Myron C. Taylor
Myron C. Taylor

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