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10000/110/130 REQUISITIONED VEHICLE - SIG. TURCH  
LICENSE NO. 15956 NA.  
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HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED COMMISSION  
EXECUTIVE OFFICE (US)  
APO 394.

Ref: XOA/12/1

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28 April 1945.

Mr. Menotti Turchi,  
Via Chiana #97,  
Rome, Italy.

My dear Mr. Turchi:-

In reply to your letter of 24 April, addressed to the Chief Commissioner, requesting return of Fiat 1500, License No. 71324, by Region IV, AMG; this Headquarters is in sympathy with your request and regrets very much to inform you that this vehicle is at present still needed by the Allied Commission.

However, you may rest assured that if possible, vehicle will be returned to you or the Italian Government, at the earliest practical date, after it is no longer needed by this Commission.

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

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ESTABLISHMENT SECTION

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Lt. L. T. Montant, Jr., AGO  
HQ. Allied Commission  
APO 394

27 December 1944

Dear

I have had the matter of Sig. Turchi's car looked into quite thoroughly, and return the correspondence herewith.

Unfortunately, since the car of Sig. Turchi is not requisitioned by Allied Commission, or, for that matter, by any other military unit, this is a matter in which we are unable to intervene. It would appear that Sig. Turchi's only recourse would be through the civil courts, or the Italian authorities.

Yours,

Mrs. Helena Soldatenkov  
c/o Maj. Floyd Weidman  
Public Relations, G-5(Adv) AFHQ  
Via XXIII Marzo, Rome  
Room 25

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*File A*

Ltr from Hqs Allied Commission, APO 394, Office of G-4, ref.  
G4/RV/B 15956 NA dtd 9 Dec. 44, sub: Requisitioned Civilian Vehicle.

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HQ. ALLIED COMMISSION, SOUTHERN REGION, REQUISITIONING OFFICER, 20 Dec. 44

TO : Hqs Allied Commission, ~~Region~~, Office of G-4 (A)

1. Returning attached correspondence together with a report of investigation made by Major Luckman, Public Safety Officer of Naples Zone at that time.
2. This case has been the subject of many reports and investigations for which there is a large file at the Public Safety Section of this Hqs.
3. It would seem that the validity of the transaction may be a question for the Legal Section of this Hqs or the Legal Sub-Commission to decide.
4. The car was probably used by Major Gardner on a loan or hire basis and while in his use the original tires were removed and substituted with American "Jeep" tires. Consequently, Lt. Di Antonio issued a Requisition form for the tires when the car was returned to the owner and the Jeep tires removed.
5. No record exist at this office of any requisition either for the car or the tires. It is suggested that Major Gardner, since transferred from So. Region, be asked to furnish further information on this case.

For the Regional Commissioner:

*Joseph E. Amoroso*  
JOSEPH E. AMOROSO  
Lieut. A.U.S.  
Requisitioning Officer.

Incl:

1. ltr Marino Turchi dtd 20 Sept. 44  
w/translation
2. copy ltr from Marino Turchi - no date -1
3. news clipping
4. copy of Investigation-Maj. Luckman -dtd 28/2/44

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ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394  
OFFICE OF G-4

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G4/RV/B 15956 NA

9 December 1944

SUBJECT: Requisitioned Civilian Vehicle.

TO : Regional Commissioner,  
Southern Region,  
Allied Commission.

ATTENTION: 1st Lt. Joseph E. Amoruso.

1. Reference attached correspondence.
2. The Deputy Chief of Staff has directed that a complete investigation and report be made to this office regarding the requisitioning of the vehicle.
3. Check of Southern Region records does not disclose this vehicle, but it is noted that Major Luckmann knows something of the circumstances.
4. Request reply by indorsement of action taken.

By command of Commodore STONE:

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

1 Incl.  
Ltr fr Marino Turchi, Via Monte  
di Dio 61, Napoli, dtd 20 Sept 44,  
w/1 incl.

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Ltr from Hqs Allied Commission, APO 394, Office of G-4, ref. G4/RV/B 15956 NA  
dtd 9 Dec. 44 sub: Requisitioned Civilian Vehicle.

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HQ. ALLIED COMMISSION, SOUTHERN REGION, REQUISITIONING OFFICER, 19 December 1944.

TO : Public Safety Section, Hqs So. Region, Allied Commission.

1. The attached correspondence is forwarded to you for your necessary action.

2. It is believed that this matter was the subject of a lengthy investigation by your Section. Consequently, it would seem unnecessary for this office to conduct further inquiries.

3. A thorough search of the requisitioning files in this office failed to discover any trace of a requisition for the six tires allegedly requisitioned by Lt. Di Antonio.

JOSEPH E. AMORISO

Lieut. A.U.S.

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H.Q. Allied Commission, Southern Region, Public Safety Divn.

To. Requisitioning Officer, HQ Allied Commission, Southern Region.

Reference 1st Ind above: Attached hereto for your information is a duplicate of a report by Captain (now Major) Luckman, formerly Public Safety of Naples Zone, relative to his investigation into this matter.

19 Dec 44

G. Richardson, Major  
Reg. Public Safety Officer.

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Naples, 28 February 1944.

FROM: Captain Franklin P. Luckman, Public Safety, Naples Province.  
TO: Lt. Col. John A. Warner, Public Safety, Naples Province.  
SUBJECT: Complaint of Merino Turchi concerning alleged actions of Joseph DiAntonio, 1st Lieut., Inf., ASN O-1703252.

1. As a result of written complaint of one Marino Turchi, residence via Monte Di Dio 61, and in compliance with instructions from Lt. Colonel John A. Warner, Public Safety Naples Province, this officer conducted an investigation of subject complaint with the following results:

2. On 26 February 1944, the complainant was interviewed and stated in effect as follows:

a. During the month of September 1943, an automobile, a Bianchi, License No. N.A. 15256, the property of complainant, was requisitioned by A.M.G., assigned to Major Paul Gardner, Division of Fine Arts, Region 3, and was subsequently driven by Sergeant Alfred J. Brunettin ASN 26504516 who was assigned as chauffeur to the Major. On 5 December 1943, this car was returned to the custody of the owner by Sergeant Brunettin.

b. Sometime prior to that date, learning from some source that this car was to be returned, one Giuseppe Salvagnoni, residence c/o Barattolo, Via Marino Turchi 24, called on the owner and expressed a desire to purchase the car. The owner did not care to sell but after some conversation and considerable insistence by Salvagnoni, Turchi agreed to sell the car to Salvagnoni for the sum of 70,000 Lire. At that time, Salvagnoni gave Turchi 20,000 Lire and agreed to pay the balance of 50,000 Lire upon delivery of the car.

c. On 7 December 1943, Sergeant Brunettin and Salvagnoni went to Turchi's garage to get the car but the mechanic there refused to give it to them without instructions to do so from Turchi. The Sergeant and Salvagnoni then called on Turchi who informed them that he did not care to deliver the car to them because the purchaser was not ready to pay the balance due. Sergeant Brunettin then informed Turchi that Lieut. DiAntonio had sent him (the sergeant) to get the car and turn it over to Salvagnoni, that Turchi must deliver the car to him or go to jail. Under this pressure, Turchi gave the car to Sergeant Brunettin who turned it over to Salvagnoni. The balance, 50,000 Lire, was not paid.

d. Two days later, on 9 December, accompanied by Pasquale Barba, residence Parco Margherita 49, Turchi called on Lieut. DiAntonio at his office in the Municipio to ask why he had been ordered to give up his car without receiving the balance.



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a. During the month of September 1943, an automobile, a Bianchi, License No. N.A. 15958, the property of complainant, was requisitioned by A.M.C., assigned to Major Paul Gardner, Division of Fine Arts, Region 3, and was subsequently driven by Sergeant Alfred J. Brunettin ASN 35504516 who was assigned as chauffeur to the Major. On 5 December 1943, this car was returned to the custody of the owner by Sergeant Brunettin.

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e. Sometime later, Salvagnoni arranged to meet Turchi on 28 December to pay the balance due. However, on that date, Salvagnoni did not appear and sent another man who informed Turchi that Lieut. Diantonio wanted to see him (Turchi). Turchi called on the Lieutenant at the Municipio and, at this time, the Lieutenant informed him that the price he was charging for his car was too high and that it must be reduced by 20,000 Lire. Turchi did not agree to this and during the conversation which followed, Lieut. Diantonio became so loud and boisterous that people in the hall outside of the office could hear him, and accused Turchi of dealing in the black market for asking such a price for his car. Turchi then requested the return of the car but the Lieutenant stated that he must sell it, and for 20,000 Lire less. Diantonio continued to be boisterous and became so threatening that Turchi agreed to accept a reduction of 10,000 Lire; 40,000 Lire instead of 50,000 Lire as originally agreed upon by the principals.

f. As of the present, title for this car has not been transferred to Salvagnoni and Turchi is still in possession of the libretto di circolazione and, although Salvagnoni has possession, Turchi is legally responsible for the car. In spite of the A.M.C. requisition for the tires, it is alleged by Turchi that they are still on the car, being used by Salvagnoni.

3. On 26 February 1944, Sergeant Brunettin was interviewed and displayed an unusual lapse of memory. It was only after considerable questioning and rephrasing of the questions that he stated in effect as follows:

- a. That he, Brunettin, had received verbal orders from Lieut. Diantonio to get the car from Turchi or put him in jail, and to turn the car over to Salvagnoni, after which, Salvagnoni was to keep the car and Diantonio was to get the tires.
- b. After threatening Turchi with imprisonment, he, Brunettin received the car from Turchi, drove it a short distance from Turchi's garage and turned it over to Salvagnoni. As of the day of the interview, the sergeant has no knowledge of the tires having been turned over to the Lieutenant.

4. Various phases of the statement made by Signor Turchi are corroborated by the following witnesses:

- Signorina Bice de Rosa, via Tasso 169.
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AUTOMOBILISTICO DI NAPOLI

Prot. 547

Napoli, 19/12/1944  
VIA N. TOMMASEO

ECONOMICS & SUPPLY SECTION  
REQUISITIONING OFFICE

NAPOLI

Palazzo della Provincia

In riferimento al foglio SRV/547/73 del 15 c.m.,  
si comunica che l'auto I5956/NA Bianchi 5.5/1500 è  
intestata al sig. Marino Turchi fu Luigi, dom/to in  
Napoli, Via Monte di Dio 61; l'auto ~~25862/NA Fiat 1500~~  
è intestata all'Istituto Nazionale della Previden-  
za Sociale, Napoli Piazza S. Domenico Maggiore 12 e  
l'auto 24870/NA Fiat 1500 è intestata al sig. Plata-  
nia Paolo di Michele, Napoli Via S. Lucia 173.

IL CONSERVATORE DEL P.R.A.  
(avv. Ugo Siniscalco)

*Siniscalco*

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TRANSLATION

LT from MARINO TURCHI

re: Forced sale of Bianchi NA 15956

TO : A.M.G. - Naples

re: Requisition of Tires

I, Marino Turchi, journalist, Director of the weekly "La Voce di Napoli" of liberal origin, living in Naples, at Via Monte di Dio 61, expose:

1. At the end of November of last year I met Mr. Giuseppe Salvagnoni, merchant at Porto d'Ischia, with office in Naples c/o Barattolo, Via Palepoli, who proposed me to buy my auto "Bianchi NA 15956" when this would have been released by Major Gardner of the Allied Forces.

The Salvagnoni who praised himself to be in great friendship with Lt. De Antonio of the AMG Requisition Office pressed me for the sale and induced me to accept the price of Lire 70.000 prospecting me that, even if I would have reobtained the car, there would have been the tyres requisition by order of Lt. De Antonio, requisition which he would have avoided in his favour.

Against such serious prospective I decided to accept the proposal notwithstanding the price offered was very low.

The sale was so established, against an advance of Lire 20.000, with the condition that the balance of Lit. 50.000 would have been paid to me as soon as Major Gardner would have released the machine.

2. Said machine in fact was delivered to me on Dec. 5 and brought to the proper garage by N.C.O. Sgt. Brunettini (U.S. Army) accompanied by Salvagnoni also.

*Worked for Maj Gardner*

3. Notwithstanding several sollicitations Mr. Salvagnoni did not care to pay the balance of Lit. 50.000.

On Dec. 7 instead, in keeping in no account my protest asking to annul the contract, the Salvagnoni came to withdraw the machine accompanied by his chauffeur and Sgt. Brunettini, assuming that he had received order from Lt. De Antonio to take the auto immediately. - *for tires - U.S.*

No requisition document was delivered and against my protest the car was taken.

4. On the 9th I was received by Lt. De Antonio to whom I asked the reason of his order and denounced the illegitimate acting of Mr. Salvagnoni, but the officer affirming it was a matter of black marketing concluded it

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was not the moment of deciding about this matter considered that Salvagnoni had left for Puglie; after which he handed me a tyres requisition order withdrawing Major Gardner requisition document, no more received.

Salvagnoni, returned from Puglie, Lt. De Antonio invited me to his office. This happened on Dec. 28, about a month after Salvagnoni was using the car.

During this meeting I was hardly attacked by Lt. De Antonio, he adducing I was a fascist and that the price agreed by Salvagnoni was to be considered a black market price. For that reason, he summoned me to reduce the price of 20.000 lire at least in order to avoid the consequences of being involved politically and as a smuggler.

Against such unassisting and without basis accusations I had no possibility to have my rights respected, and I could merely collect only Lire 40.000 instead of 50.000 agreed. And it is to be noted also that during the discussion Lt. De Antonio threatened me to ask the RR. Carabinieri intervention!

As above explained, it is clear the sale is irregular and must be declared nul and void.

On this matter it is pointed out that:

a) Considered the machine value, and two insurance policies totalling Lire 90.000, the price of Lire 60.000 is far more inferior to the real one;

b) That I did not act of my own will, but I was restricted and forced with menaces to accept the reduction of Lire 10.000 against the balance of Lire 50.000, and also by Salvagnoni obliged to the sale under the prospected danger of tyres requisition, as in fact it has happened.

c) The property transference has not been effected, and I am still the proprietor of the machine; if Salvagnoni will be the holder of the machine, as per Law he would be responsible, considered that all circulation responsibilities would be at the charge of the titular of the Circulation Permit.

d) The six tyres belonging to the car (whose numbers are in my possession) and requisitioned, are still my property, (having been not included in the sale) not being used by AMG, but by Salvagnoni on the same car NA 15956 !

I hope that after my denunciation, the proper Authorities, after regular enquiries will declare the Contract cancelled. In this case I will return the money received, and Salvagnoni to return me the Car.

paying of course the hiring of it.

NOTE: By TRANS. 18/11/44 ( I enclose copies of the two claims sent to AMG and delivered  
Not 18/11/44 ( to Lt. De Antonio, as well as the copy of the letter sent to  
enclosed ( Salvagnoni.

Listed below a list of witnesses (which were already examined  
by Major Luckman at the beginning of last month of March):

1. Antonietta Venice - Via Monte di Dio, 61
2. Sig.na Bice de Rosa - Via Tasso, 169
3. Avv. Nello Vescia - Via Monte di Dio, 61
4. Sig. Pasquale Barba - Parco Margherita, 49
5. Meccanico Corrado - Via Monte di Dio, 61
6. Dott. Enzo Fiore - Via Duomo, 77
7. Avv. Beniamino Degni - Via Tasso, 169

Yours respectfully

/s/ MARINO TURCHI

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