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10000/110/131 REQUISITION
ROME-TRIS
NOV. 44 - 1

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10000/110/131 REQUISITIONED VEHICLE-LICENSE NO. 83203
ROME- RISORGIMENTO LIBERALE
NOV. 44 - DEC. 44

93.4/EST

Chief of Staff:

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1. Reference your 208/COS of 14 December, folio 39.
 2. Attached is draft, in duplicate, of reply to Sig. Carandini's letter of 20 November.
 3. Your original memo of 23 November on the matter, reference as quoted in par 1, above, folio 37, requested draft reply for signature of COS. Since it is the understanding of this office that replies to correspondence originating from members of the Italian Cabinet are customarily signed by the Chief Commissioner, this draft has been prepared for his signature. Your office may, of course, decide to alter the signature, but it was considered advisable to point out the change.

Establishment Section
15 December 1944

W. H. Montague
For Colonel, DCS

Maj Quigley - SO-CC

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For the C.C. approval, the attached draft letter (40)
This case has been fully investigated.

W. H. Montague
18 Dec.

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ESTAB SEC

Draft at 440, is returned approved as amended. Please resubmit in principal.

19 Dec 44.
X- 341.

W. H. Montague
office, CFS.

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COS:

Herewith, for signature of COS, is letter requested at 42, with copy for your file, if desired.

Sgt. Sec.
20 Dec 44.

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W. H. Montague
p. Col, DCS

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CSO

The atch'd ltr to the "Risorgimento Liberale" was originally directed to Count Carandine and prepared for the CC signature; in view of his change in position, the CC wishes this ltr to be signed by the CoS. *Sub 20 Dec*

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ESTAB SEC

Letter to Editor, Risorgimento Liberale,
93/32/EST undated is returned for dispatch.
Please insert today's date. Copies have
been retained for files of CC and CoS.

X-341.

22 Dec 44

officer, CoS.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Chief of Staff

93/40/EST

NEP/wrf

The Editor,
Risorgimento Liberale
Corso Umberto, 239
Rome

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22 December 44

Dear Sir:

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This will acknowledge Count Grandini'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,

W. S. LUSH

Brigadier,
Chief of Staff

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
ESTABLISHMENT SECTION

93/33/EST

REF/af
15 December 1944

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NORMAN E. FISKE,
Colonel
Deputy Chief of Staff

Incl: Draft letter, in duplicate,
to Mr. Carandini, 93/32/EST, 15 Dec.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the Chief Commissioner
APO 394

93/100 EXT

HEF/wrf

H. E. Mr. Nicolo Carandini
The Minister Secretary of State

Dear Mr. Carandini:

This will acknowledge your letter of the 20th November, with which you were good enough to enclose 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 fact 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.

Thank you for bringing the matter to my attention.

Sincerely,

ELLERY W. STONE,
Rear Admiral, USN
Chief Commissioner

*Please Retype
for CoS sig*

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*John Payer
Chief Commissioner*

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

Tel Ext 341

INTER OFFICE MEMO

LWS/el

From: Office of the Chief of Staff

SUBJECT: Derequisitioning of Vehicle

FILE No. 208/cos.

TO: Establishment Section (Attention:
Lt. Montant)

14 December 44 194

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. ~~in question.~~

W. J. L. C.

Chief Staff Officer
To the Chief of Staff

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MINISTERO DELLE CORPORAZIONI
GABINETTO DEL MINISTRO

Chief of Staff:

(Attention Major Stearns)

1. Reference your 208/COS of 23 November, which, together with all the other pertinent correspondence, buck-slips, etc., in the matter, is attached.
2. This appears to be another one of these cases in which someone will finally have to give a decision as to whether or not the automobile in question shall or shall not be de-requisitioned.
3. The requisition appears to be legal; there are no grounds for de-requisitioning on that basis. It then resolves itself into a question of whether or not it would be politic to do so, and that, I submit, is a matter for high-level decision.
4. Would you, therefore, take the matter up with the powers that be, and let me know what they decide.
5. Upon advice from you, I will then draft appropriate reply to the letter from Carandini.

Montant
L. T. Montant, Jr.,
1st Lt, AGD 6368

Establishment Section,
12 December 1944

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G-4 - S-4 (A)
INNER OFFICE MEMO

Date 11-14-44

TO:	
	Capt. C. C. CRAIG
	Civilian Reg. Vehicles
	Lt. F. J. MORRIS
	U.S. Army Supplies
	CWO H. EMBERTSON
	Class I Supplies
	Class II & IV Supplies
	Property Records
	Warehouse
	W.D. Vehicles
	CWO L. VIANELLO
	Post Exchange
	Files

REMARKS:

At Mount: note Mr. Paulley

Comments:

7 Morris
1 LT.

ACTION SLIP.

This Slip will not be removed.

To: LT. AMORUSO

The owner of the car has ^{37A} talked to Col Kerr and me and admitted that:

1. The car does not belong to the paper
2. The car had no circulation permit when requisitioned
3. His intentions were to rent the car to the paper.
4. The intention was for no permit for the car to be secured at some later date.

2691 MMIA Co.

11 Dec 44

Rex E Pinkley

Major, Inf

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Internal phone 218

3.4 - 3.4 (A)
INTER OFFICE MEMO

Date 30 NOV 1944

TO:	FROM:
Capt. C. C. CRAIG	
☒ Clothing Reg. Vehicles	☒
LT. F. J. MORANO	
U.S. Army Supplies	
CWO H. J. EAST	
Class I Supplies	
Class II & IV Supplies	
Property Records	
Warehouse	
W.D. Vehicles	
CWO J. V. LARSEN	
Post Exchange	
Files	☒

REMARKS:

At Montant: DPOS office.
MMIA have independent reg-
istering authority. I can't tell
them to return the vehicle. Please
be done at a high level. *W. J. LARSEN*
1LT.

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Mr. Amoruso:

G-4 (A)
Civilian Can & Co.

Will you check into this,
please, and let me know the
story.

W. S. S. S.
Who

FOR COL. *Thompson*
DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF
ESTABLISHMENT SECTION

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTER OFFICE MEMO LWS/el

Tel Ext 341

From: Office of the Chief of Staff

SUBJECT: Requisitioning of Vehicle

FILE No. 208/COS

TO: The Establishment Section, Hq. AC

23 November 44 194

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/R20 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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EXTRACT FROM MINUTE SHEET C of S FILE 203

COS

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26 Oct 1944

refers to letter
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.

Case was returned to PRO
Oct 21 1944 with the above
notation.

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

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PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

PRE/R20

18 Oct 44

SUBJECT : Car for " Risorgimento Liberale "

TO : Chief of Staff, A.C.C.

1. I am very much embarrassed 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 IV (Via Tomacelli) 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 news paper, 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 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.

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MICHEL FIELDEN
Major
Public Relations Director.

Translation

The Minister Secretary of State

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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 '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 seeing you then.

I remain,

Truly yours,

/s/ Nicolo Carandini

(Nicolo Carandini)

Admiral Henry Stone

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trans. A.C.

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 83205, belonging to Margherita Sacchi (Viale Medaglia 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 Gasetti 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 arrangements 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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