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10000/110/167 REQUISITIONED LANCIA PROPERTY 117.2/EST
ROME
OCT. 44 - FEB. 45

I.
Extraction Commissioner:

Attention is directed to
folios 2 and 3. In the light thereof, do
you desire any further action taken.

W. H. Woulant Jr.
for V. P.

W. H. Woulant Jr.
24 Feb

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Maj Rudy
Please check. Feb 26 Feb.

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Major Stearns: I don't see that any further action can or
should be taken on this Louis Savage matter for the present.

W. H. Woulant Jr.
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Establishments
See min 9. - Feb 13 Mar.

14 Feb
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Maj Rudy ✓ Please check. *26 Feb.*

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A.G. Commandant. AG-3

Re: attached, I am
forwarding 5 copies as you
may wish to send a copy
to Legal S.C.

Transportation S.C.

S.O. to C.C.

all of whom have had copies
of C. of Staff's letter 5804/39/COS
of 16 FEB 45.

24 FEB 1945

Capt. R.A.

Officer U. Landa Works

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394

Suspense _____

Date 24 Feb 45

FROM	TO	FROM	TO
Staff Officer to A/CC		Establishment Section	
Chief of Staff		Executive Officer (A)	
Message Centre		Executive Officer (B)	
Civil Affairs Section		G-1 (A)	
DP & Rep		G-1 (A) Civilian Emp.	
Local Govt		G-1 (B)	
Patriots Branch		G-4 (A)	
Public Safety		G-4 (B)	
Security Division		2675th Regt	
Public Health		H.Q. Comit	
Legal		Adjutant	
Education		Navy	
Monuments & Fine Arts		Land Forces (LMIA)	
Economic Section :		Air	
Requisition Division		Communications	
Agriculture		Civil Censorship Group	
Commerce		W.M.D. & P.O.W.	
Finance		Public Relations Branch	
Property Control Div.		Information Division	
Food		Archivist	
Industry		U.N.R.R.A.	
Mining Division		I.G.C.R.	
Labor		<i>Capt Montant</i>	
Public Works & Utilities			
Shipping			
Transportation			
Political Section			

Signature _____

Remarks & Recommendation _____

Information _____

Approval/Disposal _____

Appropriate Action _____

Investigation & Report _____

Dispatch _____

Remarks

It is pointed out that this matter occurred prior to this Dept taking over the responsibilities of the various tasks from other S/C - Dec 44

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19 Feb 45
BUCK SLIP
HEADQUARTERS COMMANDANT BRANCH

☒	HQ Commandant	
	Asst HQ Commandant	
	Billeting Officer	
	Dispatch Officer	
	Medical Officer (Br)	
	OC British Det.	
	Office Space	
	Officer i/c Super Garage	
	Officer i/c Lancia Garage - - -	☒
	Printing - Security Officer	
	Purchasing and Contracts Officer	
	Supply Officer	
	Mess Officer - Flora	
	Mess Officer - Milano	

For appropriate action

• investigation and report

• information and return

• signature

Please pass quickly

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
ESTABLISHMENT SECTION

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Date *16 Feb*

FROM

TO

Deputy Chief of Staff	
→ Staff Officer	HQ COMMANDANT
Executive Officer (A)	FILE HQC
Executive Officer (B)	16 FEB 1945
G-1 (A)	SECRET
G-1 (B)	CONFIDENTIAL
G-4 (A)	ASSIST
G-4 (B)	
Headquarters Commandant	C. G.
Adjutant	

FOR:

Draft of reply for signature of
Please see/telephone me about this
→ Investigation and report, please note
Answer particularly per d).
Signature
Approval/Disapproval
Your Information and return
Your File
K. T. Woutanoff

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

Office of the Chief of Staff

Tel : 451

Ref: 5804/39/003.

16 Feb 45

SUBJECT : Lancia Property in Rome, Viale Parioli 162.

TO : DCOS, Establishments Section.

Attached letter from Lancia & Co., Rome dated 10 February 45, is forwarded for your information, appropriate investigation and necessary action.

Joseph C. Rively
4 Chief Staff Officer, major
To the Chief of Staff.

Incl: as above

Copies to : S.O. to C.C.

C.A. Sect. for

Legal S/C (for consultation with Hq. Comdt. and/or

Transportation S/C)

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LANCIA & C. FABBRICA AUTOMOBILI - TORINO - S. A.

CAPITALE SOCIALE L. 50.000.000 INTERAMENTE VERSATO

VIALE PARIGI, N. 162
Tel.: LANCIAUTO - Roma
C.P.C. di Roma N. 62.471

SEDE DI
ROMA

Telefono Direzione N. 870/57
Off. Esport. 871/302 - 871/608
Mag. Parti Ricambi 871/256

Rear Admiral E. W. Stone,
Chief Commissioner,
Allied Commission,
Rome.

Roma, 10 February 1945.

Vi informo

Ho fatto una copia della risposta

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d) Early in the month of September 1944, Capt. Hay, without any authority forced an entrance into an apartment of the Lancia administration which was under lease to Mr. Cattaneo, Giuseppe, who is still away from Rome. Present at the time the door was forced was a representative of Mr. Cattaneo who protested the action and, as a matter of fact, did not want to enter the apartment after it had been opened. The apartment was put to personal use by Capt. Hay. Also for this illegal requisition, the order was not presented until 2 October 1944, and the legal representative of Mr. Cattaneo is now preparing a list of what is missing and the damages suffered.

-continued on page two-



Foglio N. two

e) It is even forbidden for me to park, in my own premises, the automobile that is in the service of the Lancia company; this obliges me to seek other parking facilities.

I ask, therefore, that the following be considered:

- a) That I be authorized at least a partial use of my office-suite, consisting of almost ten rooms, and at present occupied by Capt. Hay and two assistants only.
- b) That a minimum of attention be given so that the premises will not be further damaged. This is made present, because Capt. Hay has been advised several times by the Administration that his personnel has been responsible for certain damages which could have been prevented easily.
- c) That I be allotted parking space in the premises of the Lancia company for the automobile in the service of the company.
- d) That the proposal for lifting the requisition on the work-shop and spare parts store be considered, keeping in mind that I, as General Manager of the Lancia in Rome, am well disposed and pleased to give absolute priority to the repair of automobiles and trucks of the Al-lies, but permitting us also to service our old clientele, following the precedent set in the case of the Fiat company in Rome, who already enjoy the benefits of this policy.

I am at your complete disposal in this matter, and remain, sir,

Respectfully yours,

LANCIA & C.
FABBRICA AUTOMOBILI - TORINO S. A.
SEDE DI ROMA
Il Direttore - Provisoria

St. Mariani

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SEDE DI ROMA
Il Direttore - Incaricato

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
H. TRANSPORTATION OFFICER
LANCIA WORKS

Tn/SP/178

To : H.Q. Commandant. A.C. H.Q.
Subj. : Letter from Barone De Martino.
Date : 20th February 1945.

CONFIDENTIAL

1) With reference to the attached letter from the Barone De Martino, this is now the third time that the Barone has made the same deliberate mis-statements; first of all, direct to me, secondly, through HQ. R.A.A.C. and now through the Chief Commissioner. I would respectfully ask that consideration be given to taking such action as is possible against an Italian civilian for making false accusations against an Allied Officer.

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iii) It is quite true that the show-room was occupied by a Swiss citizen but he was using it temporarily as a store room for some office furniture he had bought as a speculation and was going to sell at the first opportunity. I consulted the Legal and Political Sub-Commissions at the time and they both assured me we could legally requisition the large saloon which

was urgently required to store tyres and spare parts. All this was done with the knowledge and full concurrence of Col. CARNES.

b) I gave the Barone one office for his staff which they still occupy. I did not wish to provide a room for the Barone as I did not want him interfering with the Lancia staff, particularly in view of the strained relations between him and Ing. GRECO. He approached both Col. CARNES and Col. ADAMS, I believe, with a view to getting an office for himself but was refused.

c) i) This is a deliberate lie. An inventory was made before the Barone's return from NAPLES, both in English and Italian, of all the offices upstairs and copies supplied to Real Estate Section, R.A.A.C. The Barone was, needless to say, not "forced" to do anything. I asked for the keys of two storerooms and gave instructions that anything taken out of them by Lancia & Co employees would be signed for. This has been done.

ii) As regards an inventory of the garage, workshop and spare parts, this would have taken months to do. It was therefore agreed with Ing. GRECO and Maj. LOTHIAN, Real Estate Sect. RAC, that Lancia & Co would sign an agreement indemnifying us from all claims. I attach a copy of this agreement. It will be noted that the Barone's signature was not necessary.

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iii) The apartment was kept locked, empty and

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untouched until I got an "authority to occupy" from H.Q. R.A.A.C. I moved into the apartment on 9 OCT.

iv) No representative of Sig. CATTANEO was present when I first inspected the apartment in early Sept. and as I have already explained, the door was opened by the Portiere who had a key. (Sig. CATTANEO is a prisoner of war).

v) A complete list was taken of everything in the apartment and checked by Real Estate Sect. R.A.A.C. before their authority to occupy was issued. About a month later (26 OCT.) the father-in-law of Sig. CATTANEO came to see about the inventory which he said did not contain every article. I accordingly let him go upstairs with one of my clerks to re-check the inventory after which he stated he was quite satisfied.

vi) It will therefore be seen that the requisitioning of this apartment was perfectly legal and carried out by Capt. GUARINO and Real Estate Sect. R.A.A.C.

vii) Needless to say, nothing whatever is missing from the flat except that I have stored in a locked storeroom a number of articles of furniture which I did not require and which were taking up space in the small rooms.

e) The car that is being used by Ing. GRECO on LANCIA & Co's business is being parked in the garage. It was decided on taking over that no private cars whatever would be garaged in the works and all private owners were given notice to remove their cars. The Barone's car is NOT used in the service of LANCIA & Co and I do not understand why he is allowed a "permesso di circolazione" as he has nothing to do except look after six blocks of flats, all within two hundred yards. There are, at least, 10 or 15 private garages available for the Barone's car in his own blocks of apartments. I do not want him coming into the works.

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a) There are only 5 rooms available as offices, of which:

1	is occupied by the Barone's office staff;
1	" " myself;
1	" " Lt KOPP and Lt GRUPPUSO;
1	" " Ing. DINI, Sig. MAGCARONI, my engineer staff;
1	" " Sig. LEONI, Secretary and office staff.

The other 5 rooms consist of 2 storerooms, 1 staff dining room, 1 lavatory and 1 room for cleaner.

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Even if space were available, I do NOT want the Barone to be in the office as he will certainly poke his nose into things that do not concern him and cause trouble with the LANCIA staff who have no use for him.

b) i) This is again a deliberate lie. Slight damage was done to the marble edges at the entrance to the show-room by heavy trucks carrying tires. The Barone was told that, on the premises being derequisitioned, all these damages would either be put right or paid for.

ii) The only other damage I am aware of is the breaking of a plate glass window in the saloon while moving some heavy cases. This was immediately reported to Capt. GUARINO who, no doubt, passed on the information to those responsible for repairs.

c) As I do not allow British or American officers to park their cars, even temporarily, in LANCIA WORKS, I object very strongly to an Italian civilian being allowed to do so when he has nothing whatever to do with the running of the works. I am making enquiries as to reasons given for the issue of his permit.

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5) I would again ask that such action as is possible be taken against the Barone for making such blatantly false and deliberately lying statements against a British Officer.

Mr. Hay

M. HAY

Capt. R. A.

Officer in Charge Lancia Works

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S.A. L A N C I A
Filiale di R o m a
Viale Parioli 162
R O M A

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-9 OCT 1944-

Noi sottoscritti dichiariamo che i mobili, utensili e macchinari esistenti nei locali occupati dalla Sottocommissione Trasporti del Comando della Commissione Alleata di Controllo al suindicato indirizzo, non sono stati inventariati in quanto restano sotto il nostro intero controllo.

Noi non riterremo responsabile la Sottocommissione Trasporti in nessun modo nei riguardi della proprietà che normalmente sarebbe stata inventariata in base alle vigenti leggi e norme che regolano la requisizione delle proprietà.

Questa dichiarazione non influisce in alcun modo su qualsiasi reclamo per il valore locativo dell'officina Lancia.

Testimone:
LASAGNA FRANCESCO

p.p. LANCIA & C.
Fabbrica Autom. - Torino-S.A.
Filiale di R O M A
Il Direttore
(Ing. G. Greco)

Translation:

We hereby declare that the goods, chattels and machinery on our premises occupied by Transportation Sub-Commission of Headquarters Allied Control Commission at above address, have not been inventoried, as they remain under our complete control.

We shall not hold the Transportation Sub-Commission responsible in any way for the property that would ordinarily be inventoried, in accordance with the common rules and regulations, pertaining to the requisitioning of property.

This certificate in no way affects any claims for rental value of Lancia Works building.

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Viale Parioli 162 S E D E d i

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b) One week after 16 August, upon my return to the main office, I found to my surprise that my own offices had been requisitioned and that the furniture was being moved around. I asked that two rooms be given me so that I could continue administering the interests of the Lancia company, but this, however, was refused.

c) At the same time I stated that it was legally proper ^{in such} a case to make an inventory, but even this was not granted. I was forced, also, to give to Capt. Hay the keys of the office containing the documents and matter that have to do only with the administration of the Lancia company.

d) Early in the month of September 1944, Capt. Hay, without any authority forced an entrance into an apartment of the Lancia administration which was under lease to Mr. Cattaneo, Giuseppe, who is still away from Rome. Present at the time the door was forced was a representative of Mr. Cattaneo who protested the action and, as a matter of fact, did not want to enter the

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apartment after it had been opened. The apartment was put to personal use by Capt. Hay. Also for this illegal requisition, the order was not presented until 2 October 1944, and the legal representative of Mr Cattaneo is now preparing a list of what is missing and the damages suffered.

e) It is even forbidden for me to park, in my own premises, the automobile that is in the service of the Lancia company; this obliges me to seek other parking facilities.

I ask therefore, that the following be considered:

a) That I be authorized at least a partial use of my office-suite, consisting of almost ten rooms, and at present occupied by Capt. Hay and two assistants only.

b) That a minimum of attention be given so that the premises will not be further damaged. This is made present, because Capt. Hay has been advised several times by the Administration that his personnel has been responsible for certain damages which could have been prevented easily.

c) That I be allotted parking space in the premises of the Lancia company for the automobile in the service of the company.

d) That the proposal for lifting the requisition on the work-shop and spare parts store be considered, keeping in mind that I, as General Manager of the Lancia in Rome, am well disposed and pleased to give absolute priority to the repair of automobiles and trucks of the Allies, but permitting us also to service our old clientele, following the precedent set in the case of the Fiat company in Rome, who already enjoy the benefits of this policy.

I am at your complete disposal in this matter, and remain, Sir,

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