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COL. C.M. PARKIN

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
U.S. ARMY
(Establishment Section)

CMP/FJA/rwa

Tel. : 477

21 September 1945

Ref. : C-4/41/A

SUBJECT: Garage Space

TO : Commanding General, Headquarters Rome Area MTRUSA, APO 794
U. S. Army.

1. As a result of a conference held at the Allied Commission, attended by members of the Italian Government, some time ago and in accordance with the provisions of an Italian legislative decree, the Allied Commission, over a period of months, have assembled for delivery to the Ispettorato Compartimentale della Motorizzazioni some two hundred civilian motor vehicles which are no longer needed by the Commission.

2. This Headquarters has, for some time, endeavored to return these vehicles to the designated agency in the Italian Government to receive them. However, the Ispettorato Compartimentale della Motorizzazioni after many weeks of search have informed us that no garage space is available in Rome and that they could not accept delivery of these vehicles.

3. It is understood that Rome Area MTRUSA have available for de-requisition at present, one or two suitable garages which would allow us if garages were made available to the Ispettorato Compartimentale della Motorizzazioni, to return these vehicles.

4. Major Craig, C-4 Allied Commission, has examined the premises of a garage formerly occupied by your Headquarters, located at Via Giannuccio No. 3. This garage and location would be very suitable and this Headquarters would be very grateful if this space could be made available in order that the Allied Commission could satisfactorily expedite transfer of vehicles, at the same time complying with MTRUSA instructions.

For the Chief Commissioner:

C. M. PARKIN
Colonel, Infantry
Acting Vice-President

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NUMBER	DATE	FROM	TO	SUBJECT
1	4 Jan 45	Exec 0 US	Transp S/C	Piat Gar in Rome & Naples
2	6 Jan 45	Transp S/C	Exec 0 US	Reply re: above.
3	17 Feb 45	Lt Col Seith	Col Parkin	Discrepancies in Super Gar.
4	12 Mar 45	G-4 (A)	Exec 0 US	Pub Safety Garage.
5	22 Mar 45	Col Parkin	L/U Region	Claims for equip & veh's in Pub Safety Garage.
6	27 Mar 45	Direttore del Autocentro	Ministero dell Interno	Release of 2675 Regt Super Garage.
7	19 Apr 45	Col Parkin	Pet Sec APHQ	
8	26 May 45	A/VP Est Sec	E. Curguolo	Reqst for dereq of Gar.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
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ESTABLISHMENT SECTION

Ref/116/51/EST

26 May 1945

Colonel Enrico Curgiole
Via Vettulonia, 59
Rome

Dear Sir:

Your letter of 12 May, addressed to the Chief Commissioner, has been passed to this office for reply.

We are informed by Rome Area Allied Command, the competent authority, that the garage at Via dei Crociferi 44 is at present required for military purposes, and cannot be derequisitioned at this time.

Very truly yours,

C. M. PARKIN,
Colonel, Infantry
Actg Vice President

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ESTABLISHMENT SECTION
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19 April 1945

SUBJECT: Casa Dell'Automobile (Super Garage)

TO : Petroleum Section, AFHQ
Attn: Lt. Col. J. L. King
APO 512, U. S. Army

1. This office has reviewed the request of Azienda Generale Italiana Petroli (AGIP) wherein they desire that Allied Commission accept the responsibility for property of certain persons stored in the Super Garage. We have found that the inventory of vehicles belonging to third persons submitted by AGIP is extremely inaccurate and unreliable. It cannot be accepted as a true representation of the condition of the Super Garage at any time.

2. In view of the policy that has been established relative to the settlement of claims for requisitioned property, prohibiting this office from dealing with any persons other than the legal owners of such property, no action is contemplated on any matter arising out of the requisitioning of the Super Garage by the Allied Commission wherein AGIP is a third party to the submission of any claim.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER:

C. M. PANKIN
Colonel, Infantry
Acting Vice President.

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ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394

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Date

3/29/45

SUBJECT:

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No.	From	To	Date	
1	Park	Col. N. E. Fiske	3/29	This is a release (copy) on Public Safety Garage where our G H A Pool is located. This seems to let Region IV out & us too CMP
				Col Fiske saw this 3/29

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C O P Y

MINISTERO DELL'INTERNO
DIREZIONE GENERALE
DELLA PUBBLICA SICUREZZA

27 March 1945.

SUBJECT: Vehicles and property.

1. This is to certify that the vehicles and property as set forth and described in the attached schedules belong to the Autocentro, Ministero dell'Interno, agency of the Italian Government.

2. These vehicles and property have been duly requisitioned and acquired prior to 4 June 1944 by the Autocentro, Ministero dell'Interno,...

3. The undersigned does hereby relieve and release the Allied Commission, 2678th Regt. A.C. and the British and American Armies from any and all claims of any kind or nature whatsoever in connection with such vehicles and property.

IL COMMISSARIO DI P.S.
DIRETTORE DELL'AUTOCENTRO
(Dott. Carmelo Marzano)
s/ Illegible.

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Attn: Col Parker
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
ESTABLISHMENT SECTION
APO 394

OWP/CCC/osp

22 March 1945

SUBJECT: Claims for Equipment and Vehicles in the Public Safety Garage

TO : Regional Commissioner, Lazio-Umbria Region, Allied Commission, APO
394, US Army

1. An inventory of equipment on the ground floor and mezzanine floor of the Public Safety Garage is being taken by G-4 (A) this date. This Headquarters will assume responsibility only for the equipment physically present on these two floors.
2. The third and fourth floors and two or three rooms are locked off and the keys are reported to be in the possession of Lazio-Umbria Region Motor Officer. No responsibility is being assumed by this Headquarters for this equipment.
3. It is believed that the vehicles and equipment on the third and fourth floors were never requisitioned, and that many parts have been taken off for use on requisitioned vehicles of Lazio-Umbria Region. This action, if true, will result in claims which will have to be cleared by Lazio-Umbria Region. Information is desired as to what action is being taken by your Region Headquarters to clear any claims that might arise.
4. This matter is of prime importance and should be dealt with immediately. Property responsibility cannot be over stressed, and it is imperative that these claims be cleared while the responsible officers are still present.

BY COMMAND OF REAR ADMIRAL STONE:

C. M. PARKIN
Colonel, Infantry
Actg VP, Establishment Sect.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
OFFICE OF G-4 (A)
APO 394

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12 March 1945

MEMORANDUM

TO: COLONEL PARKIN, Executive Officer (US), Allied Commission, APO 394

1. The Public Safety Garage formerly Lazio-Umbria Region will be turned over to G-4 (A) for operation on 16 March 1945.

2. This garage will be used to maintain G-4 (A) vehicles, both War Department and Requisitioned, plus a few British War Department vehicles and will repair vehicles being transferred in from Southern and Lazio-Umbria Regions for reallocation to Northern Regions.

3. In addition to the above there are G-4 (A) Pool vehicles which are now present in the Super Garage which cannot be put into operation because of Headquarters priority work and lack of space.

4. This is an additional maintenance load thrown on this Headquarters. The Headquarters Transportation Officer's garages are operating at capacity with Headquarters vehicles and cannot handle these G-4 (A) vehicles ~~as~~ soon ~~to~~ as they arrive at this Headquarters.

5. The following personnel are being used for this work:

a. G-4 (A) Spare Part Section

Captain Hawksworth	-	Commanding Officer, Garage
3 - Enlisted Men	-	(WD record clerk (Requisitioned Vehicle Clerk (Typist

b. Headquarters Commandant

1 Officer	Medium Maintenance Officer
2 Enlisted Men -	Supervising Mechanics
2 Other Ranks -	" "

6. It is felt that the following additional personnel is necessary in as much as the Spare Parts Section is doing double duty and the security needs Enlisted Men supervision:

4 Enlisted Men/Other Ranks - Security ✓
Preferably 4 Enlisted Men in as much as 90% of the work will be American.

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1 Enlisted Man	Dispatcher
1 Other Rank	British WD record clerk
1 Enlisted Man	Welder and Painter supervisor
2 Enlisted Men	Supply Clerks (1 Stock clerk (1 Procurement Clerk

7. At the present time it is undetermined as to the time this garage will be under control of G-4 (A) but it is felt by this Section that it will be a permanent thing because of the heavy load now placed on the Headquarters Transportation Officer and after this emergency work is completed some of Headquarters maintenance will be shifted to this garage.

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

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HEADQUARTERS
2675TH REGIMENT
ALLIED COMMISSION
(OVERHEAD)
APO 394

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17 February 1945

MEMORANDUM:

TO : Colonel C. M. Parkin.

1. Re: Investigation of discrepancies concerning Supergarage.
2. As of this date, the board has interviewed the following-named persons: Major Sowers, Captains Jessup, Wiley and Kearnin, and Lt. White. In addition to the above, we have also questioned a number of enlisted personnel and civilians who were employed or assigned to duty at the Supergarage.
3. To date, the stories of the above persons have been vague, to say the least. The most notable fact is that all the persons concerned with the operations of the Supergarage during the period in question cast the responsibility for failure to properly administer the operations of the garage upon one another. For example: Major Sowers states Captain Jessup was fully responsible for the actual operations, and in rebuttal Captain Jessup throws the operational responsibility into the lap of Major Sowers. Likewise with Captain Volstad who superseded Captain Jessup in his capacity as officer in charge.
4. Of the total number of vehicles listed on the inventory which was taken by AGIP, to date we have located some 107 cars. The location of these vehicles was made by searching through the records of this headquarters and those of Region IV, together with a personal inspection of the contents of the garage by the board. Of these 107 cars, there is a possibility of a few discrepancies in that vehicles may have been identified where there is a slight discrepancy in the license number over that of which appeared in the inventory. However, these discrepancies will be ironed out as undoubtedly they are only typographical errors either on the inventory or on our own records, due to a translation of Italian figures to American numerical system. It is the plan of the board to employ a competent enlisted man to continue the search of the balance of missing vehicles, namely, 134, by contacting the individual owners in a tactful manner to solicit information relative to the whereabouts of their vehicles. This procedure, while not the most satisfactory, is the only medium left whereby we may further reduce the balance of missing vehicles. It may be readily seen that should information leak out to the public relative to this situation, we will be flooded by inquiries from the U. S. Claims Service wherein the Italian civilians will attempt to secure reimbursement for their vehicles.

5. The board is preparing a letter in the form of a deposition to be transmitted to Lt. Col. Clough. This medium of securing information is not the most desirable and will entail considerable delay. However, there is no alternative except to pursue this method of interrogation, as the whereabouts of Colonel Clough are vague in that he is somewhere in the United States. It is also contemplated to pursue a like action as regards the activities of Colonel Albright in connection with the subject matter. The board at the present is not in a position to render an opinion relative to affixing any portion of blame due to the lack of evidence on the parts of Colonels Albright and Clough. (3)

Howard K. Smith

HOWARD K. SMITH
Lt Col. FA
Asst Exec Officer

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As the "armies"
with us do do
it like maintenance
so must they give
us the tools. I
suggest we take
up the question of
the release of the
Naples garage. It
is rearward enough
for the use of AC
and we could well
press for it.

De M.
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Transportation Sub-Commission

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6 January 1945

MEMORANDUM:

TO : Executive Officer (U.S.).

1. Reference your Memorandum dated 4/Jan. '45.
2. Reference Para 1. The Armies do not propose to release the Fiat Garage in Naples at this time. It is believed, however, that the existing Fiat organization there could go into operation almost immediately their Garage is released.
3. The Regional Transportation Officer, Lazio-Umbria Region, has been forwarded Commerce Sub-Commission's Release Note AC. 2060 for 450 Quintals of Cement for the restoration of the Fiat Garage in Rome, and has been instructed to put in hand the necessary work.
4. The present plan contemplates the restoration of vehicles on a commercial basis by several civilian firms in the Rome Area. This plan is being worked out in detail with the Regional Transportation Officer, Lazio-Umbria Region.

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MERRITT H. TAYLOR
Director .

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
EXECUTIVE OFFICE (US)
APO 394

GMP/jp
4 January 1945.

MEMORANDUM:

TO : Director, Transportation Sub-Commission,
Allied Commission, APO 394.

1. At a meeting held by the Chief of Staff, on 24 December 1944, it was decided that the Transportation Sub-Commission would instruct the Regional Commissioners to set up the Flat Garages in Rome and in Naples, for maintenance work of the vehicles of the Allied Commission.

2. Request the present status or what progress thereof, has been made, so that the Establishment Section can know when to have the spare parts shipped to the respective garages.

For the Deputy Chief of Staff:

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

To: GH

Bz L.H. W. L. Co.

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