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10000/125/67 10/1/PAT — CAR REQUISITIONED FROM
SIGNOR ASTI
SEPT. 44 — AUG. 45

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11 Aug 45	1. G-1E/. Ref your G-1B/118/9/A of 2 Aug and 8 Aug 45. 1. The report called for from Col Fava is forwarded herewith together with the license mentioned in Para 7. 2. This Branch file 10/1/PAT is forwarded for your perusal, outside this file this Branch has no further information on Mr Asti's car. <i>William Reakes, Major</i> J.S. REAKES Major, Patriots Branch Local Govt. Sub Com.	21A
15 Sep 45	Local Govt. Sub Com. (Patriots) 1. Your file returned. 2. License book retained for onward transmission to Mr Asti. <i>pk 15/9.</i> <i>Ladmiral</i> <i>G-1(B) cap.</i>	B564

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Transportation *
Sub Commissioner
Attn: Capt. Pepper

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Ext. 573

MEMORANDUM

8 August 1945.

REFERENCE : G-1B/118/9/A

SUBJECT : Claims

TO : Director, PATRIOTS Branch

FROM : G-1(B) H.Q. A.C.

1. In connection with the report requested in G-1(B) Memorandum of 2 Aug 45, it is thought that certain further correspondence on the same subject forwarded to you on 18 Dec 44 by G-1(B), may still be held in Patriots Branch.

2. If this is the case may this please be forwarded at the same time as the report by Col. FAVA.

FOR VICE PRESIDENT, ESTABLISHMENT SECTION

Radwin
J.C. HODGSON,
Lt. Colonel,
G-1(B)

/ps.

MEMORANDUM

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Referring to Memo ref. G-1(B)/118/9A of 2 August 1945.

1. I wish to point out that I incidentally heard that Mr. ASTI, an acquaintance of Brig. Mc Carthy, voluntarily offered the latter the use of his Lancia Augusta car.
2. I do not know of Brig. Mc Carthy's making any pressure in the matter, but I do know that Mr. Asti offered the car.
3. Maj. Drage, formerly with Patriot Branch, acted as an intermediary to the above private loan, and requested Lt. Villa to collect the car.
4. Actually Lt. Villa collected the automobile from Mr. Asti and drove it to the AG, where it was taken over by Brig. Mc Carthy's driver.
5. One day the motor car collided with an allied lorry and was taken to the Super Garage almost unserviceable.
6. Mr. Asti obtained the restitution of the damaged car, from which tyres, battery tools, jack and keys had been removed.
7. The attached license was salvaged through the personal care of Lt. Villa.
8. I have learned the above from a conversation which took place in my office but I wish to state that I have had no direct or indirect part in the dealings between Mr. Asti and Brig. Mc Carthy.

G. FAVA, Colonel
Liaison Officer
PATRIOTS BRANCH

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MEMORANDUM

CONFIDENTIAL

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REFERENCE : G-1B/118/9/A

2 August 1945

SUBJECT : Claims

TO : Patriots Branch
(for attention: Col. G. Fava)

1. Herewith copies of correspondence in connection with a claim for damage to car loaned by Adelina Asti to Brig. McCarthy, formerly of Patriots Branch.
2. It is requested that you will kindly submit as full a report as possible of the circumstances connected with this case.

FOR VICE PRESIDENT, ESTABLISHMENTS SECTION

/lg

Ra. Smith
J. C. HODGSON, *Cep*
Lt. Colonel,
G-1 (B)

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C o p y

REFERENCE . CA 1
ORIGIN . JULY 280900
FROM . HQ British Troop Fuban
TO . Alcom Rome

No/ F/I758
Rec'd JULY 290930
Proc. Routine
July 29 1945

UNCLASSIFIED.

For Lt Col TALBOT from Brig MACCARTHY reference letter G 1B/118/9/P of 18 JULY from ALCOM to Civil Affairs Branch MIDDLE EAST concerning car requisitioned from ASTI.

1. All arrangements for requisitioning were handled by Major DRAGE who informed me shortly before I left ROME that arrangements *(mine)* in order.
2. Car was being used Major MAGNUS at time of accident.
3. MAGNUS made arrangements with GALAGE and ASTI and was responsible for settlement.
4. I understand ASTI made mistake of removing car from garage instead of leaving MAGNUS make arrangements for repair.
5. Suggest. You get full reports from these officers also Colonel Fava. Very grateful if you could please arrange. Best wishes.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref: 5819/2/36

13 July 1945

MEMORANDUM:

TO : Establishment Section

1. Reference G-4/RV/L 4236 R dated 9 July 45, copy attached together with the earlier correspondence herein.
2. In view of the fact that this car was never formally requisitioned through Headquarters AC and it is not known what agreement was made by Brigadier Gen Colonel McCarthy with the owner. It would seem that this is a matter for investigation by your section, as the car was apparently procured by Brigadier McCarthy, at that time in a manner contrary to established AC procedure.
3. Brigadier McCarthy is now in Eritrea.
4. Will you please cause investigation to be made and on completion thereof reply direct to Signor Asti, with a copy of your letter to this office.
5. An interim acknowledgment, a copy of which is also attached, has been sent to Signor Asti.

3 Incls.
as above

(sgd) ??????????Capt.
for Chief Staff Officer
To Executive Commissioner

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Ref: 5815/95/80

13 July 1945

My dear Mr. Asti,

Reference is made to your letter of 4 July enclosing a memorandum in which you stated that in August 1944 you offered temporarily to Colonel McCarthy, formerly of Patriots Branch, this Headquarters, a Lancia-Augusta car.

As Colonel McCarthy is no longer at this Headquarters and no records exist that this car was ever requisitioned by this Headquarters, this matter is being referred to our Establishment Section for investigation, who will advise you in due time.

(Sgd) A.B. ANTONI
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner,

Mr. Adelmo Asti
Via Bertoloni, 12
Rome

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Office of G-4 (A)

SUBJECT: Lancia Aprilia, HQ-2073

TO : Office of the Executive Commissioner
Attention : Captain Arnoldy

1. Investigation of facts surrounding requisitioning and derequisitioning of this vehicle reveals that no formal requisition has ever been effected and that vehicle never belonged to AC officially.
2. Vehicle was obtained, used and damaged by a Colonel McCarthy of Patriots Branch of AC.
3. It is not known what agreement was made with owner, and it is suggested that Colonel McCarthy be called upon to answer owner's requests since vehicle was procured by him in some manner contrary to AC established procedure.

(sgd) Frank Amoroso, 1st Lt Inf
for
CLAYTON C. CRAIG
Major Infantry
G-4 (A)

- 3 Incls.
Incl 1. Memo, Off of Exec Comm
ref. 5815/87/EC, dtd 6 July 45
Incl 2. Ltr & translation, to Chief Comm
from Adelmo Asti, dtd 1 July 45
Incl 3. Cy and translation of request to
Civil Affairs Sec, Patriots Br

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref: 5815/87/EC

6 July 1945

MEMORANDUM:

TO : Establishment Section

1. Enclosed is a letter addressed to the Chief Commissioner from Adelmo Asti, together with copy of a request made to Civil Affairs Section, Patriots Branch, regarding a Lancia-Augusta car number 42436.
2. Please investigate this matter and report to this office when completed.

2 Incls:
as above

(sgd) ?????????? Capt.
Chief Staff Officer
To Executive Commissioner

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Translation

Rome, 4 July 1945

Dear Admiral,

I beg your pardon for sending you this letter, but I do not know to whom I should apply to obtain an acknowledgment which seems human to me, and I take the liberty of asking to intervene in my favour and help me to obtain what I have been asking for months.

Sincerely yours,

a. Adalmo Asti

Admiral Steno
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
Rome

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TranslationCOPY OF THE REQUEST MADE

Headquarters Allied Commission
APO 394

Civil Affairs Section (Patriotic Branch)

R e m o

In August 1944, to do a favour to Col. McCarthy of this H. - Patriotic Branch (whose car which he needed for motives of service had just been stolen) the undersigned offered temporarily to the Colonel a Isotta-Augusta car, n. 42436 - Roma, belonging to the Co. 'Italras' Ltd., of which the undersigned was allowed to dispose as Counsellor Delegate of the said Co.

This car, whose five wheels had tyres, with all its tools, and in a perfect state was handed over by the undersigned personally on August 19th, 1944 to Mr. A. Villa, attached to the office of Col. McCarthy and asked by the latter to collect it.

In the following October, Col. McCarthy rang up the undersigned to say that a truck had badly damaged the back part of the car; he said he was very sorry for the accident and assured the undersigned that the car which had been transported to the Super-Garage in Piazza Verdi (A.C. Garage) would be repaired without delay and be returned in the same conditions in which it had been handed over.

Time went by without the repairs being made, and as 'Italras Ltd' could no longer do without the car for working requirements, the undersigned had to put at the disposal of 'Italras Ltd' another car of the same type, which he bought, of his own account, without tyres or electric battery, asking Col. McCarthy to let him have back the five tyres and the electric battery of the wrecked car.

Col. McCarthy agreed at once to this request, and according to his instructions, Major Sir Philip Magnus, of his office, gave the undersigned a letter allowing him to withdraw the above mentioned articles from the Super Garage.

But the American Commander of the Super Garage ordered me to take the car away immediately in the state in which it was, stating, that a military organisation can not repair a civilian car.

Some still, the undersigned was given back the car without the five wheels and the corresponding number of tyres; the electric battery and all the tools (lifting jack - pump - box of tools) were also missing as well as the circulation pass.

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The undersigned who is personally responsible towards 'Italres Ltd' had therefore to buy with his own money the missing parts, thus making the following expenses:

- car without tyres and battery	It. Lire	120,000 -
- n. 5 tyres (already used)	" "	150,000 -
- n. 1 electric battery	" "	8,000 -
Total amount	It. Lire	278,000 -

Besides, the undersigned had to inform at once the P.S. Authorities of the disappearance of the circulation pass which has not yet given back to him.

Before leaving Rome, and also when he came here a short time ago, Col. Mac Carthy, again assured the undersigned that this matter was being taken care of by the Military Authorities, but up to now, the situation has unfortunately remained unchanged.

Having been obliged to spend this large sum, the undersigned asks the H.Q. kindly to solve this question without delay; leaving aside the damages the truck made to the car (supposed to amount to Lire 60,000, which might be paid later on) he might be paid an indemnity for the missing parts (i.e. 5 wheels, electric battery lifting jack - pump and bag of tools) withdrawn or stolen after the car was put in the Super-Garage of Piazza Verdi, and of which the Military Organisation in charge should be responsible.

The undersigned trust that this H.Q. will take his situation in kind consideration, for all this came to pass because he wanted to do a favour to an Officer of the Allied Army Forces, putting at his disposal a thing that wasn't his.

Yours sincerely,

S. Adolfo Asti

Via Bertolani, 12
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HEAD, HARBOR ALIENS COMMISSION
AND
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
PATRIOTS BRANCH

Tel. 489081
Ext. 574

Ref: 10/1/13/PAT.

20 December 1944.

Subject: Landia Car No. 131 2073.

I am sorry I have been such a long time writing to you about your car. The matter has now been considered by the authorities here, and it is decided that as the vehicle was never registered and in a legal way no action can be taken about the damage to the car itself.

In the circumstances, I am endeavouring to persuade the authorities to consider the claim for the articles which were lost during the time when the car was in the A.C. garage. Would you be so kind as to submit a claim to this H. P. on this basis.

With best wishes to you and Madame ASTI.

P.O.

Sir P.M. MARCUS, Bt.,
Major,
Executive Officer,
Patriots Branch.

Comm. Madame ASTI,
Via Berlusconi 12,
ROME.

RM/sjl.

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Ext. 510

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394

18 December 1944

REFERENCE: G-1E/118/A

SUBJECT : Irregular Hiring

TO : Patriots Branch
(Attention Major Magnus)

Your 10/PAT dated 1 Dec 44 addressed to Col. Parkin
has been handed to me.

From enquiries made it appears that this vehicle was
never requisitioned by G-4 (A), and Col. Parkin informs me that in
these circumstances he is unable to take any action.

I spoke to Brigadier McCarthy when he was here on
his recent visit and was informed that he had instructed Major
Drage to arrange for the requisitioning of this vehicle when it
first came into Brigadier McCarthy's possession. It may be
advisable for you to enquire from Major Drage what action - if any -
he took in the matter. In the meantime I can only persuade G-4 (A)
to consider a claim for the articles which appear to have been
lost during the time the car was in the AC Garage.

Will you please ask the owner of the car to submit
his claim on this basis.

All papers are returned herewith.

J.L. JONES
Lt. Colonel
Executive Officer (B)

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
PATRIOTS BRANCH

Ext: 374.

Ref/10/PAT.

SUBJECT: Civilian Vehicles.

1 December 1944.

TO : Col. C.M. Parkin.

FROM : Major Sir P.M. Magnus, Bt.,
Patriots Branch, H.Q., A.C.

I enclose copies of correspondence which have reached this H.Q. from Signor Asti. I spoke to Col. Carnes today who told me he had handed the whole matter on to you.

It is a troublesome business which was left over by Col. Mc Carthy but I am replying to Asti saying that a Court of Inquiry is being held.

Can you tell me if he stands to get any satisfaction as a result of its deliberations, as I feel that his may be considered a hard case.

P.M. Magnus
Major.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Transportation Sub-Commission
APO 394

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Nov. 30, 1944

SUBJECT : Vehicle Loaded to Patriots Branch

TO : Col. Parkin, C.O. 2675th Regt.

Attached herewith is copy of correspondence
reference car loaned to Patriots Branch.

Recommend this matter be brought before an
official investigation.

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D. S. ADAMS, *Capt*
for Colonel, C.E.
Director Tn. Sub-Comm.

Copy: to Major Magnus.

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1 Mar. 1944

To- Col Bardass:

There is not much information I can give you on this matter. I told the owner to come back the next day after he took his car and I would see that he got his wheels. To date, I do not remember of him coming back. As this car was not requisitioned by A.C.E. and was loaned to Patrols Branch by owner, I can not see where we are responsible for repairs and replacement of tires and tubes. The old tires mentioned in attached papers have probably been thrown in salvage. From what I can find out, this happened before I took over control of Super Garage.

V. Wesley
Capt. Cav.

To: Capt Wiley. (Super-Garage). 13
28.10.44.

Attached are some papers
concerning a Lancia Car No HQ 2073.

For my sins, I have been
brought into this matter and I would
be extremely grateful if you could
give me any details on it.

I cannot quite make out
whether he has had all his wheels
back or not. If course the real
answer is that people should not
make phony claims the real cars
would not win. If, however, you would
show the attached papers with your
comments I would be obliged.

Transportation - Sub - Comm.

J. H. Bureau
10/28/44

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TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION

DIRECTOR: Colonel ADAMS

D/DIRECTOR: Lt. Col. VINING

ADMIN. OFFICER: Colonel BEAVER
Lieut. BARONE

RAIL (General) Captain PING

RAIL (Movements) Major RICHARDSON
Captain BOUDY

or for:

ROADS: Colonel BARNES
Lt. Col. BORDASS ✓
Captain PEPPER

or for:

SHIPMENTS, PORTS & CRUISE:
Lt. Col. GRANVILLE
Jr. Capt. FRANKS

or for:

CHIEF CLERK: Sgt. CARRINO

FORWARD TO: 5525

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DATE & TIME REC'D: 22 OCT 1944 / 4:10
FILE:

Please detach back slip and
return to Chief Clerk with
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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
PATRIOT BRANCH
APO 394

21st October 1944

Ref : 10/PAT.

TO : Transportation S/C.
(Att : Lt.Col. Bojass).

With reference to our conversation two days ago I enclose a memorandum detailing the condition of the car

- (1) when it was handed over by Mr. Asti to this HQ and
- (2) when the car was returned to Mr. Asti by the Supergarage.

Mr. Asti was kind enough to lend his car to this HQ at a time when he had no permit to use it. It was understood that the car was to be returned to him as soon as he received a permit, as he is in the head of a large business and needs it. Unfortunately, before his permit was received the car suffered a severe accident and the Supergarage said that the repairs might take some months.

Mr. Asti accordingly purchased a new car without tyres or inner tubes with the intention of using tyres and inner tubes from his old car. I obtained a note from Lt. Col. Bojass exhibiting him to remove those.

On visiting the Supergarage to remove his old tyres he experienced what he described as extremely discourteous treatment from the officer in charge of the Garage. He, accordingly, removed his car in the condition in which it is described in the attached memorandum.

I understood that 3 Jeep tyres were fitted on the car to replace the 3 old tyres described in the attached memorandum. These 3 old tyres have apparently been lost or pulped, but I would be grateful if it were possible to come to some arrangement which would help Mr. Asti as I feel that this HQ does not come very well at present out of the transaction. In any case he is voluntarily shouldering the cost of repairing the car himself, and this should properly be an A.C.C. obligation.

P.D. Pagnus

Sir P.D. Pagnus,
Major,

for Col. C.D. Mc Carthy,
Patriots Branch.

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COPIMEMORANDUMCondition of the car when handed over to A.C.C.

5 complete wheels of which 2 were almost new and 3 were old. It also had a complete set of tools.

Condition of car when returned to owner

2 complete (with tyres and inner tubes) wheels in very bad condition and none of the same size as the original ones.
3 complete wheels are missing.
All the tools are also missing (including the jack and pump and handle).
Ignition key missing.
Car license missing.

To: C.C. McCarthy.

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COPYALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Inter Office Memo

From G-4. (A)

TO : Officer in Charge
Super Garage

30 Sept. 1944

1. Lancia Car No. HQ-2073, now in the Super Garage for repairs, is owned by Mr. Adelmo Asti and was being used by A.C.C.
2. Please let Mr. Asti have the tires and battery from Car No. HQ-2073 as he wants to put them on another car. ~~5312~~ ⁵³¹² get a receipt from him for the tires and battery.

/s/ Walter P. Scoggins
Lt. Col., G-4

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COPY

8 Oct. 1944

Lt. Amurosa,

Upon your instruction Hq 2073 was returned in tact to owner. Repair of car would have taken some time and proved costly. Also this car was equipped with two jeep tires and tubes which I took and put in stock here. I can't return government property to a civilian. The owner may have his wheels back, but as far as tolls and other tires, afraid he can not get these replaced here. Appreciate if you could help me straighten this matter out.

/s/ R.F. Wiley
Capt. Cav.

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MEMORANDUM

Condition of the car when handed over to A.C.C.

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All the tools are also missing including the jack and pump and hand ~~starter~~ starter)
Ignition key missing.
Car license missing.

To: Col. Mc Carthy.

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TRANSITATION SUB-COMMISSION

DIRECTOR: Colonel ADAMS

U/DIRECTOR: Lt.Col. VIEWING

ADMIN. OFFICER: Colonel. HEANEY
Lieut. PARONEL

MAIL (General) Captain FING

MAIL (Movements) Major RICHARDSON
Captain CODY

OR FOR:

ROADS: Colonel CARNES
Lt.Col. BORDASS
Captain PEPPER

OR FOR:

SHIPMENTS, PLATS & WARE:
Lt.Col. BLANVILLE
Sr.Cmdr. FRANKSIDE 5529

OR FOR:

CHIEF CLERK: Sgt. STARBLIND

FORWARD TO:

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DATE & TIME REC'D: 23 OCT 1944 1700.

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Please detach back slip and
return to Chief Clerk with
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G-4 - S-4 (A)
INTER OFFICE MEMO

Date 22 Oct 44

TO:		
	Capt. C. C. CHAFF	
	Civilian Reg. Vehicles	
	Lt. F. J. AMOROSO	✓
	U.S. Army Supplies	
	CWO H. ELLIENBAST	
	Class I Supplies	
	Class II & IV Supplies	
	Property Records	
	Warehouse	
	W.D. Vehicles	
	CWO L. VILABENGO	
	Post Exchange	
	Files	

REMARKS:

✓ Capt. Pippet ⁵⁵³⁸ Transportation
Sub Commission
See any action please.
J. H. Morango
125-Inf.

8 Oct 1944

Lt. Amiroso.

Upon your instructions # 2073
was returned in tact to owner. Repair of
car would have taken same time and proved
costly. Also this car was equipped with two
jap tires & tubes which I took and put in
stock here. I can't return government
property to a civilian. The owner may have
his wheels back, but as for tubes and other
tires, afraid he can not get these replaced here.
Appreciate if you could keep me straight on
this matter out.

R. F. W. dup 5537
Capt. Car.

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
PATRIOTS BRANCH
APO 394

Ref. 10/PAT.

6th Oct 44

TO : The Officer in charge
of the Super-Garage.

With reference to the enclosed order
signed by Lt. Col. Walter Scoggins.

Signor Asti has handed me the enclosed
memorandum detailing the condition of his car
when he lent it to A.C.C. and the condition of
the car when it was returned to him.

I would be grateful if you could kindly
notify me that the missing articles will be
returned to the owner and that the articles which
have been changed will be made good.

P. D. Magnus

Sir P.M. MAGNUS
Major,
for Col. C.D. Mc Carthy OBE.
Patriots Branch.
CIVIL Affairs Section.

File # 2073

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTER OFFICE MEMO

From:

G-4A

SUBJECT:

TO:

Officer in Charge
Super Garage

FILE No.

30 Sept 1944

1. Lancia Car No. HQ-2073, now in the Super Garage for repairs, is owned by Mr. Adelmo Asti and was being used by ACC.

2. Please let Mr. Asti have the tires and battery from Car No. HQ-2073 as he 5535 wants to put them on another car. Please get a receipt from him for the tires and battery. Victor P. Scoggins
Lt Col. 2nd Lt

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
E.C. & M.S. SECTION
PATRIOTS BRANCH
APO 394

Subject : Lancia Car No. HG 2073.

Ref. 10/PAT

30 Sep 44.

To : Sig. Adelmo Anti,
Soc. An. Italiani,
Via della Mercede, 37,
ROMA.

Thank you for your letter of 29 Sep 44.

I enclose a note from Colonel Walter Scoggins, who is the officer in charge of Transport at A.C. Allied Control Commission, to Officer in charge of the Super Garage. This note authorizes you to remove the tires and the battery from your car.

This note will also serve to certify that the car is owned by you and that it will be returned to you when it is mended.

I am sorry that it should have been damaged while in the service of the Commission.

P.M. Magnus

Sir P.M. MAGNUS

Major,

for Col. C.D. Mc Carthy CPT.

Patrists Branch,

E.C. & M.S. Section.

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30 NOV Recd

M&C.

29 Nov

10 TRANSLATION

With the object of bringing up again the painful question still unsettled and which you, Sir, are handling, I beg to state the following :

With the intention of being pleasant to Col. McCarthy of the Patriots Branch of the A.C. Rome, from whom his car had been stolen, I had the pleasure of offering temporarily the car Lancia-Augusta n. 42436 Roma from the Society Am. "ITAIRES" which I used as a delegated Counciler of the Society.

Indeed on the 14 August 1944 Doct. Villa, attached to Col. McCarthy's Section, presented himself to the under signed in order to collect the car. I handed it over personally complete with 5 tyred wheels, with all tools and in perfect condition as Mr. Villa can witness himself.

On October 1944, Colonel McCarthy, rang me up at my home and was informed me that the car had been in collision with a truck and heavily damaged at the back. While he expressed to me his deep simpaty about this, he assured me that the car, returned to the Super Garage of the A.C. at Piazza Verdi, would quickly be repaired and then restored to me.

After some time I heard from Col. McCarthy himself that the car was still in the same state as when it was turned into the Garage and I expressed to Colonel McCarthy my concern over the matter. As I had waited so long for the necessary repairs to the car, and as I has to have a car at my disposal, for work for the Society, I begged Colonel McCarthy to authorize with a letter the withdrawal of the damaged car in the Super-Garage, the 5 tyres and the electric battery, as I had to buy another car of the same type - and that to reduce the expense I would have bought it without tyres and battery. You, Sir Magnus, consigned to me the letter with which I presented myself at the Super Garage.

The American Commander wondered greatly about what I was asking for with the authorization I presented to him and ordered me to withdraw immediately the car as it was, because it would never be repaired by an Allied Unit, which could not carry out repairs on a car which was not requisitioned by the Allies. So they handed over to me the car but to my great astonishment the 5 tyres, the battery, all tools (jack, pump, tyre-levers) the ignition key and also the circulation book) were missing.

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I informed Col. McCarthy immediately of what had happened and I prayed him kindly to let me have back the articles which had been carried away from the car, and declared always in a friendly manner, that I was even desposed to pay for the repairs to the car but that I could not afford such a high damage as I was personally responsible toward the Society An. "Italres" - proprietor of the car, about what had happened. The assurances of Col. McCarthy were very comforting, but meanwhile I had to buy with my own money another car without tyres and battery for 120.000 lire, I bought used tyres with 150.000 lire and a battery for 8.000 lire with the hope that Col. McCarthy would have given me back the sums.

The file is always in discussion by the competent authorities, but as yet I can not reply as I still await a letter from you.

Meanwhile I hope that consideration will be given to my claim which amounts to 280.000 lire (about 700 Pounds) I call on you Sir with an aim to consider kindly this request and to provide a satisfactory reply.

I beg you kindly Sir Magnus to grant the expression of my highest consideration.

signed Adelmo ASTI.

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Comm. Adelmo Asti

Roma 29 Novembre 1944 =
Via Bertolini 12 - Tel. 874968

RACCOMANDATA

Ill.mo Signor
MAJOR SIR PHILIP MAGNUS
Patriots Branch A.C. -
R O M A

Allo scopo di riepilogare la dolorosa questione tutt'ora da risolvere e della quale Ella si occupa, mi pregio esporre quanto segue :

Nell'intento di fare cosa gradita al Sig. Colonell Mac Charty della Sezione Patriots Branch dell'A. C.C. di Roma, al quale era stata rubata l'automobile, ebbi il piacere di offrire temporaneamente la vettura Lancia-Augusta N.42436-Roma della Soc. An. ITALRES che io adoperavo quale Consigliere Delegato della Società.

Infatti il 1° Agosto 1944 il Sig. Dr. A. Villa addetto alla Sezione del Sig. Colonell Mac Charty si presentò al sottoscritto per ritirare la vettura, che venne da me personalmente consegnata, completa di 5 ruote gonfiate, con tutti gli attrezzi ed in perfette condizioni di marcia e di conservazione, come può testimoniare il Dr. Villa medesimo.

Nell'Ottobre 1944, il Sig. Colonell Mac Charty, con una telefonata fattami a casa, mi informava che la vettura era stata investita da un camion e gravemente danneggiata nella parte posteriore; mentre mi dichiarava il suo vivo dispiacere per l'accaduto, mi assicurava che la vettura, ricoverata al Super-garage dell'A.C.C. di Piazza Verdi, sarebbe stata al più presto riparata e quindi restituitami.

Fissato qualche tempo e saputo dallo stesso Sig. Colonell Mac Charty, che la vettura era ancora allo stato in cui venne ricoverata, espressi allo stesso Ufficiale la mia preoccupazione per il fatto che, dovendo attendere troppo tempo per la riparazione, e dovendo assolutamente disporre della vettura per le necessità di lavoro della Società, pregevo il Sig. Colonell Mac Charty di autorizzarmi con una lettera a ritirare la vettura danneggiata ricoverata al Super-garage, le 5 gomme e la batteria elettrica, dovendo acquistare un'altra vettura dello stesso tipo,

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La prego gentilissimo Sir Magnus, di gradire l'espressione della mia più alta considerazione.

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