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Abolition of Priority and Movements Division, Economic Section, and
Reallocation of its functions I

I -- ABOLITION OF PRIORITY AND MOVEMENTS DIVISION, ECONOMIC SECTION AND
REALLOCATION OF ITS FUNCTIONS

Announcement is made of the abolition of the Priority and Movements
Division, Economic Section. Its functions with respect to movements
and facilities are allocated to the Transportation Sub-Commission;
and its functions with respect to priorities are allocated to the
Supply and Resources Division, Economic Section.

Of the personnel authorized for the Priorities and Movements Division,
one officer or civilian is transferred to the Supply and Resources
Division, Economic Section; the remaining officer or civilian strength
is transferred to the Transportation Sub-Commission.

By command of Rear Admiral STONE:

M. S. LUSH,
Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

N. W. Dragneff
N. W. DRAGNEFF,
Lt Col, AGD,
Adjutant.

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6 January 1945.

SUBJECT : POL for Correspondents
TO : Transportation Division, Lazio-Umbria
Region.

I attach Form ACC.Pet-1 duly completed by
Mr. Christopher Lumby, correspondent of "The Times" in
Rome.

As Mr. Lumby has urgent need of means of
transportation and has waited a considerable time to get
the facilities requested, I fully support his application
and would appreciate it if the matter be expedited as
much as possible.

LIONEL FIELDEN
Major
Public Relations Director.

Copy to : Commerce Sub-Commission.

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HEADQUARTERS
AMG LAZIO UMBRIA REGION
MOTOR TRANSPORTATION DIVISION
PETROLEUM SECTION
VIA TOMACELLI 137 ROME

D-3343 (8)
DM/300/tm/10

11 November 1944

SUBJECT : Petrol ration for civilian vehicle.

TO : Lionel Fiellen Major.
Public Relations Director

- (7)
1. Reference is made to letter 7/11/44 SO/7/PRB.
 2. Contents noted and due consideration given, we have arranged to issue 60 litres monthly. If Mr. Vishnevsky ~~will~~ will call at this office at his earliest convenience, we shall issue the necessary forms.

Raymond Caron
J. RAYMOND CARON CAPTAIN.
Motor Transportation Division

Copy to : Col. W.P. Evans
Director Commerce
Sub-Commission - A.C.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
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PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

60/7/PHB

7 Nov. 1944

SUBJECT : POL for political Correspondents

TO : Transportation Division, Lazio - Umbria Region
(Region IV)

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I attach copy of a letter from the Director of the
Commerce-Sub-Commission concerning supply of petrol to Mr.
Vishnevsky, correspondent of the Tass News Agency in Rome.

As Mr. Vishnevsky is the only representative of the
Soviet press in Italy and has urgent need of means of
transportation I support his application for petrol supply.

However, in view of the need to conserve stocks I
suggest that he be limited to a weekly issue of 50 litres,
and that as he first applied to this office last September
for help in obtaining petrol supplies the matter be expedited.

(Sgd)

LIONEL FIELDEN
Major
Public Relations Director

Copy to : Commerce Sub-Commission

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMERCE
APO 394
COMMERCE SUB-COMMISSION

ASE/ha.

Ref. AG/5146/3/Commerce/POL. I7

2 November 1944

SUBJECT: POL - for Political Correspondents.

TO : Public Relations (Maj. Fielden) ✓

1. Correspondence re VISHNEVSKY has been passed to me by Economic Section who have decided that, as a Political Correspondent with a private motor car he is to be supplied from Civilian stocks although this creates a precedent which I, personally, consider dangerous as there must be other Political Correspondents who have or can get hold of private cars.
2. Once a Circulation Permit is granted it is impossible effectively to control his movements or the use made of the car and if he is given a substantial petrol ration (100 liters) can, and probably will use it for joy riding.
3. However you have the authority and now have only to apply to Rome Area licensing Office in accordance with POL Instruction No I (Copy attached for ease of reference) since you are the Section interested application support must come from you.
4. It is suggested that petrol ration be kept down to the minimum necessary and that no standard allocation be granted to Political Correspondents who may have larger or smaller cars and cover different milages.
5. Correspondence returned herewith.

W.F. Evans
W.F. EVANS 5150
Colonel
Director
Commerce Sub/Commission

Copy to: Economic Section -
PET. SEC. AFHQ, R.A.A.C.

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
ECONOMIC SECTION
APO 394

ASE/HB

7 August 1944

ACC/5145/Dom

POL INSTRUCTION:

1.

POL For Special Civilian Representatives

1. Requests are being received by Region IV for the issuance of Vehicle Circulation Permits and Petrol Rations for Industrialists and Agriculturalists working for the Allied War Effort who are required by ACC to make special emergency journeys, sometimes involving considerable mileage and petrol allocation equal to many times the standard monthly allowance.

2. These requests are embarrassing to Region IV whose petrol supplies are dependent on funds submitted to Petroleum Section before the 15th of the month previous and which are only accepted by Pet. Sec. if backed by full justification.

3. It follows that any allocations they make to ACC HQ for the above emergency journeys can only come out of supplies often already cut and earmarked for other purposes, and result in shortages which can only be placed if full justification is supplied to Pet. Sec.

4. Sub-Commissions who may find themselves obliged to ask for emergency rations for such purposes as visualized in para. 1 above, will, therefore, send a letter in duplicate giving full justification for the journey, details of the car and mileage to be covered to Region IV (Transportation Division) with copies to Commerce Sub-Commission so that arrangements may be made for the necessary POL supplies. Failure to do so will result in the application being refused.

5. Supplies for contractors and others REGULARLY employed or working for Sub-Commissions should be bid for through the Provincial Supply Officer of the territory in which they reside subject to the proviso that companies with Headquarters in Rome requiring numbers of permits and Rations for their staff will submit details, covered by a letter of justification, to Region IV who will no longer consider individual applications from employees of such companies. Sub-Commissions specially interested in the activities of such firms should provide a duplicate letter of recommendation as in para. 4 above.

6. POL for Italian Government Ministerial use is similarly dealt with by a bulk allocation to the Inter-Ministerial Petroleum Committee to whom all applications should be referred. No individual allocations

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6. POL for Italian Government Ministerial use is similarly dealt with by a bulk allocation to the Inter-Ministerial Petroleum Committee to whom all applications should be referred. No individual allocations can be made by this Headquarters and no individual requests will be received on behalf of particular Ministries or individuals.

Per Captain STONE (USAR):

A.D. AMOLINI

Acting Head

Economic Section

Distribution : See Reverse side.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
ESTABLISHMENT SECTION
APO 394

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NIF/ard
25 October 1944

My Dear General:

I regret that my absence in another theater has delayed my reply to your letter concerning a supply of petrol for the representative of the Tass agency in Rome.

This matter has been under consideration by the Commission since the question of accrediting foreign correspondents to the Commission was first raised. Up to the present we have not succeeded in making arrangements for their supply, but it is hoped that very shortly we shall be able to issue a supply on a ration basis comparable to the amount which will be furnished to foreign diplomatic representatives.

With kindest personal regards, I remain

Very truly yours,

/Sgd/

NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel
Deputy Chief of Staff

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HEADQUARTERS OF THE
SOVIET REPRESENTATIVE
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

Ref.20/10/OSR

20 October, 1944

Subject: Letter of Soviet Rep., dtd 6 Oct 1944.

To : Col.N.E.Fiske, Establishment Sect., ACC.

On 6 October 1944 a letter was addressed to you with a request to aid to Mr. Vishnevsky, TASS Agency Correspondent, in getting permission to draw gasoline for his vehicle. Until now there has not been received any answer to that letter.

It would be much appreciated if you kindly let General Ivan Susloparov know what is the present state of the above-mentioned matter.

With respect,

K. Grishchinsky
K. GRISHCHINSKY,
Lt. Commander, USSRN,
Aide-de-Camp.

27/10 Maj. Fielden -

what is the position now?

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R.A.C.C. ECONOMIC SECTION

1 November 1944
(Date)

Mr. A. G. Antolini	To
☒ ECONOMIC SECTION	
AGRICULTURE SUB-COMMISSION	
CLARENCE " "	☒
FINANCE " "	
FOOD " "	
INDUSTRY " "	
LABOR " "	
P.W. & U. " "	
ACQUISITION DIVISION	
TRANSPORTATION SUB-COM.	
SHIPPING SUB-COMMISSION	
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CHIEF OF STAFF	
DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF	
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION	
ESTABLISHMENT SECTION	
For: Appropriate action	
Remarks/Recommendation	
Investigation & Report	
Information	
Noting and Return	
Noting and Retention	
Signature	
Dispatch	
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Noting & circulation	

Remarks:

Major Brereton: 5/1/45
 This matter has been discussed top-side and I feel we must concede petrol. Will you handle?

To Major Fielden

I had the following information from Vishnevsky. He will cover an average of 600 Kilometres per week. As the car runs 10 Kms with 1 litre of petrol, he will need 100 litres of petrol per week.

DOX.

✓ Mr. Antolini.

May we please now settle his enduring but unendurable problem. Heads of Diplomatic Missions get 300 litres a month; minor diplomats 150 a month. I suggest political correspondents get 200 a month — half what Vishnevsky is asking. Will you agree? We can then apply this to any further case.

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L. Fielden. Oct. 29

Lynas Office.

I have now persuaded
Antonini to allow political
correspondents a small ration
of petrol from civilian sources.
He wants an estimate of the
amount required. Can you
find out from Vichereuxky
what his minimum needs would
be? Ask him what distance
he covers in a week.

L. R. R. R.

H.Q. A.C.C. ECONOMIC SECTION

10 Oct 41
(Date)

From	To
☒ ECONOMIC SECTION	
☐ AGRICULTURE	
☐ COMMERCE	
☐ FINANCE	
☐ FOOD	
☐ INDUSTRY	
☐ LABOUR	
☐ PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES	
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Remarks/Recommendation	
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Approval/Disapproval	
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Investigation & Report	
Return and Return	
Noting and Retention	
Dispatch	

Remarks:

PRO W 51-3
 Col. Parker - No way a
 British Military Side 1
 reply to say. Submission. 6/46

7/10 - Econ Sec -

Is there any way in which
we can provide gasoline
on a sales basis to
accredited civilian
political correspondents?

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Answer:

Regrets no, there
is no way.

[Signature]

Walter C. B. *[Signature]*

PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

PRB/R5a

7 Oct 1944.

SUBJECT : GASOLINE FOR POLITICAL CORRESPONDENTS

TO : Colonel Piske, Deputy Chief of Staff.

1. This is a very complex problem and I am not in the least grateful to Vishnevsky for trying to rush it; we have been doing our best for him.
2. There are only two sources of gasoline supply - military and civilian. Vishnevsky being a civilian with a car of his own cannot raid the military supply, and Major Brereton tells me that he thinks it unwise to start a precedent by which Allied Correspondents can raid Italian civilian supplies which are very limited.
3. An exactly similar case arose some months ago regarding the car belonging to Lumby of the Times. In that case we refused to give him petrol. At that time Colonel Clough said definitely that there was "no rule under which an Allied civilian could get petrol for a private car" and suggested that Lumby sell his car and use cars requisitioned by us.
4. We followed this principle and in fact Colonel Carnes promised us then that he would requisition "up to 12 cars" for our Political Correspondents. Unfortunately - mainly owing to lack of tyres - this hasn't worked out. But with our three cars we have so far been able to supply the needs of our political correspondents other than Vishnevsky.
5. Vishnevsky, however, wants a car all to himself and this is a car belonging to a civilian who presumably could also use it for purposes quite unconnected with the war effort. That cuts straight across our general principle of issuing permits.
6. However, in an attempt to satisfy Vishnevsky I am asking Major Brereton to allow him access to civilian supplies.

Lionel Fielden
LIONEL FIELDEN

HEADQUARTERS OF THE
SOVIET REPRESENTATIVE
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

58 (2)
6th October, 1944.

Subject: Gasolene for the car of Mr. Vishnevsky,
Correspondent of TASS Agency.

To : Col. N. E. Fiske, Deputy Chief of Staff, Estab.
Section, ACC.

I would like to draw your attention to the following facts:

1. Mr. Vishnevsky, correspondent of the Tass News Agency in Rome, made a request to ACC Public Relations Branch to obtain permission to draw gasoline for his car (License No. Roma 60807) which he needs in order to carry out his activity.

2. The request of Mr. Vishnevsky was passed over to the Transportation Section of PWB which, however, refused to supply gasoline on the basis that he is a civilian.

3. For a 10 days period Mr. Vishnevsky has not been able to get the above-mentioned permission.

I would kindly ask you to take up the necessary steps to authorize a regular supply of gasoline and the maintenance of that vehicle. Mr. Vishnevsky is the only representative of the Soviet press in Italy, and therefore has the urgent necessity of means of transportation in order to be able to work.

Sincerely yours, *Suslopar*

Ivan SUSLOPAROV,
Major General, R.A.
USSR Representative,
A.C.C.

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Roma, 27 Settembre 1944

Al Sig. Capitano CARON
115, Via Tomacelli

Sig. Capitano,

Io sottoscritto, Alexander Vishnevsky, corrispondente della Agenzia "Tass" della Unione Sovietica, avendo assoluta necessita' per svolgere la mia attivita' di giornalista di un'automobile che faciliti il mio compito, La prego con la presente di concedermi un permesso di circolazione nell'Italia liberata per una vettura Fiat 1100, immatricolata con la targa "Roma 60507" (telajo 214893 - motore 214884)

La faccio notare che in seguito a accordi presi con il proprietario della macchina, il Sig. Doroteo Bezsochastnoff, egli ha messo a mia completa disposizione tale automobile che servirà esclusivamente per scopi giornalistici.

In attesa che venga accordato tale permesso La prego di gradire, Sig. Capitano, i miei distinti saluti

A. Vishnevsky

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