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DIPLOMATIC CARS
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17 January 1946

Dear General Oxx:

Attached is copy of a letter I have received from the Chilean Ambassador, which I am forwarding to you for any action you may think necessary. I should be grateful if you could see that steps are taken to ensure that such an incident does not occur again.

Public Safety Sub-Commission of this Commission has contacted Lieut. V. J. George, 101 'C' Coy, M.P. Battalion, Livorno, and Lieut. Harper, No. 281 M.P. Coy, Rome, and informed them of the contents of this letter. We are informed that they in turn are contacting all American Military Police units within their respective areas, including the Control Post at Viareggio, giving instructions to facilitate the passage of the Ambassador's car in every possible way on its journey to Switzerland on Friday, 18 January. However, you may perhaps wish to issue further orders yourself.

Yours sincerely,

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

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15 January 1946.

SUBJECT : Diplomatic Cars.
TO : Chief Commissioner.

1. With reference to attached :-
2. The Duty Officers, Lieut. V.J. George, 101 'C' Coy, M.F. Battalion, Livorno and Lieut. Harper N° 261 M.P. Coy. Rome have been contacted, informed of the complaint respecting the stopping of the Diplomatic Car on 10th Jan. and the details, so far as is known of the visit of the Chilean Ambassador to Switzerland on 16th January 1946.
3. They are contacting all American Military Police within their respective areas, including the control Post at Via Regia giving instructions to facilitate the passage of the Ambassadors car in every possible way.

E.J. BYE Colonel
Deputy Director
Public Safety S/C.

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Translation

Chilean Embassy
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Rome, 15 January 1945

Dear Admiral,

On the 10th inst., the First Secretary of the Embassy, Mr. Mario Prieto Serviere left Rome, proceeding to Switzerland on a special mission from the Chilean Government. Mr. Prieto was travelling in his own car, a diplomatic car.

At the control station of the American Police in Viareggio, Mr. Prieto was compelled by the Police to open his luggage and the diplomatic pouch of the Chilean Government which he was transporting was opened.

Such was the intransigence of the Police that, in spite of Mr. Prieto's diplomatic documents (diplomatic car n. 280 and diplomatic passport) that its inviolability wasn't respected.

As you certainly didn't issue orders to the American Police to control diplomats that belong to the United Nations, and therefore in the hope that such mistakes may be avoided, I take the liberty to bring this fact to your attention, my dear Admiral, so that adequate action may be taken to prevent its happening again.

As I am to leave for Switzerland by car, on Friday 18th, I take the liberty to ask you for a safe-conduct for the police authorities, to avoid incidents such as the one which I mentioned.

Believe me, my dear Admiral,

Sincerely yours,

S. Puenzalida

Osvaldo Puenzalida
Chilean Ambassador

Admiral Stone

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