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File No. 1212 Subject: Investigation of BACHRACH MOTOR COMPANY.

(1) Investigation
Section

TO: Civ. Sect.

12 March 1946

The circumstances of this case are: Employees affidavit of said company state that vehicles were commandeered.

Specific information desired is: Orders of commandeering and any facts pertaining to commandeering.

Attached herewith are affidavits and extracts of the file of AFWESPAC claims service and the above mentioned company.



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Claims Service Form No. 200
(Forward three copies to
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PROCUREMENT CLAIMS FORM
(For action by Contract Claims Commission)

Date 5 November, 1945

1. Name of owner: BACHRACH MOTOR CO.
Address:
Province _____ Municipality Manila, P. I.
Barrio _____ Street and Number 2252 Rizal

2. Description of property or service:

I. Automobiles 3,976.13

- 1937 Chevrolet Sedan, Motor No.
R-71113949, Serial No. 26 A 05-552
- 1937 Pontiac Sedan
- 1937 Studebaker Sedan, Motor
No. S-61636
- 1941 Nash "600" Sedan, Motor No.
K31032, Serial No. K-31032
- 1937 Ford sedan, Motor No. 18F-4010545

II. Spare Parts 204,616.90

III. Machinery and Equipment 16,458.71

- 2 Hydraulic Manley Car Lifts
- 1 Hardy Washer Machine
- 1 Car Lift
- 1 Oil Purifier
- 1 Cummins Diesel Power Plant, 40 KW
w/ generator and switchboard
- 1 Battery Charger and a 5 h.p. genera-
tor set with switchboard
- 1 Hardy washing machine
- 1 Air Compressor with Tank (New)
- 3 Electrical inner tube vulcanizers
- 1 Buffing Machine
- 1 Emery Wheel Machine
- 1 5 h.p. motor for above 3/shafts and
pulleys
- 1 Electrical Band saw
- 1 Electrical Circular Saw
- 1 Planer
- 1 7 h.p. motor w/shafts and pulleys
- 3 Sewing Machines
- 6 Lathes
- 1 Milling machine
- 3 Drill presses
- 1 Re-boring machine
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- 2 Anvils w/tools and accessories
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V. salaries for Shop employees from 8 Dec. 1941 to 31 Dec. 1941	5,835.93
VI. Gasoline pumps	5,000.00

3. The property was taken by, or the service was rendered to united states forces under the following circumstances:

On 8 december 1941, claimant informed by Lt. Co. M. A. Quinn that all its facilities, materials, shops and merchandise were frozen and were thenceforth to be used exclusively under the orders of the Motor Transport Division of the Quartermaster Dept.

- 4. The value of the property when taken, or services rendered, was P236,654.06 which was not agreed to.
- 5. The total of all money or compensation of any type received by me to date either as rental or as a partial or total settlement for the above, amounts to ✓ NONE
- 6. All liens or mortgages outstanding against the above property when taken over as above, were held by NONE
- 7. After the above property was taken, it was used or disposed of as follows:

Utilized by Armed Services

8. No other claim for the property taken or services rendered has been filed with any other government agency.

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9. I swear that the above statements are true to the best of my knowledge and belief, that I am the owner of the above described property, subject to the liens above stated, and am legally entitled to receive payment therefore, that the claim is just and valid, and that IN CONSIDERATION of the payment of \$236,654.06, the United States of America, its officers and agents, are HEREBY UNCONDITIONALLY RELEASED from all further liability arising out of the above claim.

BACHRACH MOTOR CO.

BY:

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of November 1945.

(SGD)

FRED L. SCHWARTZ
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PHILIPPINE MOTOR TRANSPORT DEPOT
Bataan, In the Field

9 February 1942

REPORT OF ACTIVITIES FROM OUT BREAK OF WAR:

XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX"EXTRACT - - - EXTRACT"

At this point, the first serious mistake in operations as made. I failed to notify all transportation companies on Luzon to freeze their transportation for military service. As it turned out, however, nothing would have been gained by it, as the commandeering of motor vehicles by Philippine Army and Philippine Constabulary was conducted in an unorganized manner by individuals, without any central control.

At least a year before the war, plans were perfected to organize an Army Motor Transport Service and to draft the commercial motor transport companies of the islands to the service of the military in case of emergency. Complete inventories were called for. Areas of functioning were apportioned. A series of meeting between motor transport officers and dealers developed. Each company was to operate and service its own equipment in its assigned areas. The several companies were using equipment of quite different character. One company, for instance, had White, Indiana and Nash vehicles; another company used diesel and alcohol equipment. It can easily be seen that the plan to let each company operate and service its own equipment in its own normal area where its installations existed was sound. Compensation was agreed upon according to rates established by the Public Service Commission, the company to furnish all operation and maintenance, or a flat rate of \$42.00 per diem, the Army furnishing the maintenance. To date this Army Motor Transport Service has not been authorized and we are still operating under Headquarters Philippine Department alone.

To cite the case of one company only, the Rural Transit Co., operated by the Bachrach Motor Company, one of the larger transport companies in the Philippines, promptly turned over to the Army all its facilities, equipment, etc., on December 8th. This involves 110 buses, 7 jitneys, 5 sedans, 4 freight trucks, and two gasoline tank trucks of various makes. All maintenance shops at Cabanatuan (Nueva Ecija), San Jose (Nueva Ecija) and Bayombong (Nueva Vizcaya), in northern Luzon, were likewise placed at the disposal of the Army. There has been no opportunity, of course, up to the present time to compensate the company for the use of its property, its gasoline and oil, spare parts, and salaries paid to their employees since serving the Army. Other large transportation companies acted in a similar manner.

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COMMONWEALTH OF THE PHILIPPINES)
CITY OF MANILA)

A F F I D A V I T

I, FACUNDO REAL, a Filipino citizen, of legal age, residing at 407 Ricafort st., Tondo, Manila, being first duly sworn under oath, depose and state:

That I have been for 23 years employed by the Bachrach Motor Co., Inc., and was in charge of the bodega in which spare parts and accessories were stored. That in December 1941, the Bachrach Motor Co., Inc., had a larger stock of spare parts and accessories than it had at the end of 1940. That the major part of these spare parts were kept in a 2-story warehouse, approximately 150 feet square in each story, and that in December 1941, this warehouse was heavily stocked due to recent receipts of shipments of merchandise. That the Bachrach Motor Co., Inc., had on hand an inventory of parts and major assemblies and accessories comprising between 200 to 300 pages, with each page listing approximately 40 items. That all spare parts and major assemblies, such as: front and rear axle assembly, complete transmission, differential gears, engine cylinder blocks, engine hoods, crank assembly, crank shafts, radiators, fenders, running boards, spring assembly, universal joints complete, generators, propeller shafts and other major items, etc. for white trucks, Indiana trucks, Nash automobiles, English Austins, American pantams and Durant automobiles, were carried on the stock of the Bachrach Motor Co., Inc. That in addition to the specific replacement items for the above mentioned

vehicles, the Bachrach Motor Co., Inc. maintained large stock of automobile accessories, such as: Champion Spark Plugs, brake linings, clutch linings, radiator hoses and other similar items. That the Bachrach Motor Co., Inc. stocked approximately 1000 tires and 1000 tubes of assorted sizes. That five men were employed as stock clerks with duties to receive, pack, classify, stock and issue merchandise. That these men were constantly busy due to the large volume of merchandise handled by the warehouse. That I kept a subsidiary stock record to keep account of all items handled by the warehouse, but this stock record was left at the ware-house upon the Japanese occupation and I have not seen it since. That the Bachrach Motor Co., Inc. was the sole source of supplies of parts for White Trucks, Indiana Trucks, Nash automobiles, English Austins, American Bantams and Durant automobiles; that, therefore, there was a constantly complete stock of supplies on hand of all parts for the various yearly models of different makes of vehicles.

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That I have examined documents entitled: (1) General Ledger Trial Balance as of December 31, 1941 Before closing; (2) Income Trading and profit and Loss Account for the year 1941; and (3) Balance Sheet as of December 31, 1941, and that these documents were prepared by me and reflect the general status of the Bachrach Motor Co. as of 31 December 1941. These documents were prepared between April and August, 1942 and the source of the accounts stated in these documents was the original General Ledger of the Bachrach Motor Co. fully supported by the vouchers, bills and other documents.

That I do not know the present location or ultimate disposition of the original general ledger and other supporting documents, but believe that these ledger and documents have been destroyed by fire during the liberation of Manila.

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That Balance Sheet as of December 31, 1941 indicates the merchandise account amounting to P204,161.90. That this figure was obtained from a compilation of the General Ledger for the year 1941 and includes all foreign purchases throughout 1941 and all domestic purchases for that year with the exception for the month of December 1941. That local or domestic purchases under the heading "Merchandise" average approximately P30,000.00 per month. That in the merchandise account were included all automobile accessories, spare parts, tires, tubes, gasoline, oil and grease, and major vehicular replacement parts with the exception of chassis.

That in the course of my duty all pay rolls came to my hands for bookkeeping purposes and that I made out checks covering payments to employees. That employees were paid for the period between 8 December 1941 and 31 December 1941. That I do not now recall the exact amount of these payments,

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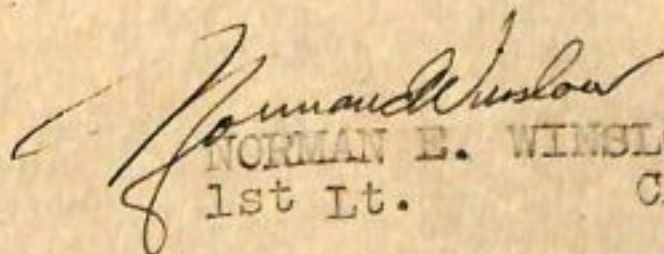
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HEADQUARTERS
UNITED STATES ARMY FORCES, WESTERN PACIFIC
RECOVERED PERSONNEL DIVISION Adj BRANCH
Civilian SECTION

28 Feb. '46
(date)

SUBJECT: Request for investigation.

TO : Investigations Section, I. & R. Branch, R. P. Division.

1. Request investigation be conducted and report rendered to this Branch/Section in the case of Bachrach Motor Co - Manila
(name of subject or agency)
(201 file folder is attached for your use and is to be returned with report).
Port & Customs area

2. The circumstances of this case are: affids have been submitted which indicate above company & employees were commissioned by U S Army.

(continue on separate sheet if necessary).

3. The specific information desired is: Secure orders & papers of commanding of same and all pertinent data.

(continue on separate sheet if necessary).

4. The following are suggested contacts or leads not appearing in the file (show complete addresses if known):

a. Check with Clarins Service General.

b. _____

5. If special priority recommended state here specific reasons therefore: routine

6. (Enter here pertinent remarks not included above):

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Stanley Sawicki
CAPT #291
Chief of Branch/Section

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