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FIRST ENDORSEMENT

114-15 Union Turnpike, Forest Hills, N.Y. 18 September 1946

To: Captain George F. Smith, Claims Investigating Service, AFWESPAC
Office of the Chief of Claims

1. In reply to the request made of me in the Basic Endorsement, I am setting forth the following facts:

2. I was with Walter Cushing in December 1941 in Abra. I lived with him for about a month until we both left this area for Ilocos Sur and the Mountain Province. During this period Walter Cushing, later a Major, used his own Chevrolet Sedan which he had at his mine near Baay in Abra. During this same period Mr. Santos, the Division Superintendent of Schools, was using his own sedan car, and to the best of my knowledge his car was never commandeered by Walter Cushing. Major Cushing and I left Abra about the middle of January 1942 with Mr. Santos still in possession of his car in Abra. Although I never returned, I know that Major Cushing did return at a later date, but that when he returned the Japanese had already entered the province and were in complete control of all of the inland road systems. Accordingly, it seems impossible to me that Major Cushing would have commandeered the car at a later date. It is more likely the car was commandeered by the Japanese.

3. The above facts are still vivid in my mind, and if I were required to approve the claim of Mr. Roman L. Santos, I should like first to see a receipt signed by Major Cushing for the Studebaker Cruising Sedan car which Mr. Santos claims was commandeered. To my best knowledge Major Cushing gave receipts whenever he commandeered personal property from civilians.

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26 August 1946

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SUBJECT: Claim of Roman L. Santos.

TO : Lt. Col. Robert H. Arnold, Inf., 358092,
C/o Adjutant General's Office,
Officers Branch, Washington 25, D. C.

1. This office is processing a claim of Mr. Roman L. Santos, former Division Superintendent of Schools for Abra Province, for one (1) Studebaker Cruising Sedan car, which was commandeered by a certain Capt. Cushing on or about 26 December 1941 in Abra.

2. Claimant stated that you were with Capt. Cushing in December 1941. We presumed therefore, that you may have knowledge of the said commandeering by Capt. Cushing.

3. Please give us a statement of your best recollection of facts involved in the commandeering or reference to persons who may be able to give more information relative to this claim.

4. Please expedite reply in the official envelope inclosed.

FOR THE CHIEF OF CLAIMS:

GEORGE F. SMITH,
Captain, CAC,
Claims Investigating Service.

Incl: Official
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