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Most of the passenger cars and trucks imported into Tientsin duty-free at Shanghai probably consist of Ford units and imports from Tsingtao and Chefoo, principally of Japanese-made units. China

Tientsin, China, December 31, 1940.

The above figures are of course included in the Customs import returns for the year 1940, but these figures should have been adjusted to reflect the reported direct imports from Japan, which are being estimated.

Frank P. Lockhart, Esquire,  
American Consul General,  
Shanghai.

Sir:

With reference to my letter of December 20, 1940, there is quoted below a table showing imports of automotive vehicles and parts into Tientsin duty-paid at other ports in China which were not included either in Enclosure No. 2, giving a list of motor trucks and passenger cars imported into Tientsin from January-October, 1940, or in Enclosure No. 3, giving Chinese Maritime Customs returns of duty-paid imports of motor vehicles into Tientsin and Chinwangtao from foreign countries from January-September, 1940:

Motor Tractors, Trailers and Trucks  
(including Chassis)  
(Values in Customs Gold Units)

<u>Port of Origin</u>	<u>Number of Units</u>	<u>Value C.G.U.</u>
Tsingtao	20	11,868
Shanghai	331	308,092

Motor Cars and Busses (including Chassis)

Chefoo	2	1,687
Tsingtao	1	825
Shanghai	241	281,929

Motor Car Parts and Accessories  
(not including tires and tubes)

Shanghai	--	79,363
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The above figures are of course included in the Customs import returns for the ports indicated, but these figures should have been added by this office to the reported direct imports into Tientsin in computing its estimates of the total number of vehicles in operation in this district as of December 31, 1940.

Very truly yours,

J. K. Caldwell  
American Consul General

Original and six copies to Consulate General,  
Shanghai.

A true copy of  
the signed original.  
