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 c/o American Consulate General,
 Shanghai, China.

Sir:

In response to your verbal request for returns on imports of motor cars at Tsingtao for the year 1929, I submit below complete figures supplied by the Chinese Maritime Customs:-

<u>1929</u>	<u>Passenger Cars-</u>	<u>Trucks</u>
<u>First Quarter</u>		
From U. S. A.	22	7
" Japan	9	29
<u>Second Quarter</u>		
From U. S. A.	9	53
" Japan	2	0
" Hongkong	1	0
<u>Third Quarter</u>		
From U. S. A.	21	76
" Japan	6	12
" Hongkong	1	--
" Philippines	2	--
<u>Fourth Quarter</u>		
From U. S. A.	5	15
" Japan	2	10
<u>Summary</u>		
From U. S. A.	57	151
From Japan	19	51
From Others	4	0
<u>Total</u>	<u>80</u>	<u>202</u>

Comparison with 1928.

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they being included under "Vehicles, other kinds" and only values entered.

The figures supplied by the Chinese Maritime Customs on this basis for that year are as follows:-

Motor Cars.	Number.
U. S. A.	54
Japan	83
Great Britain	3
Total	140

Vehicles, other kinds- including motor trucks.

	U. S.	Value.
U. S. A.	323	316
Japan		61,031
Germany		37,363
Great Britain		545
Belgium		458
Netherlands		398

Under this classification, values for vehicles credited to the United States were all trucks. A limited number of rickshaws were included in the return for Japan. The amount for Germany represents motor fire-fighting apparatus imported by the local administration early in the year.

Figures given include importations for Government and military purposes.

General Information Sheet.

As of possible interest to you, a sheet of general information concerning this Consular district is enclosed.

Further Assistance.

The Consular Service is desirous of being as helpful to American concerns as possible and if this Consulate can be of further assistance to you please communicate freely your request for additional information.

Very respectfully yours,

W. Roderick Dorsey,
American Consul.

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Note 1: Values are stated in Haikwan Taels - In 1929 the average value of the Haikwan Tael was US\$0.64535

Note 2: As the Chinese Maritime Customs returns, from which the above table was compiled, do not show the actual country of origin in many cases, the motor cars shown to have been imported from Japan include not only those manufactured in that country but also cars of American manufacture, transhipped at Japanese ports.

As of possible interest there is given below a table, showing the number of cars imported into Tientsin and Peiping as reported by motor car dealers in those cities.

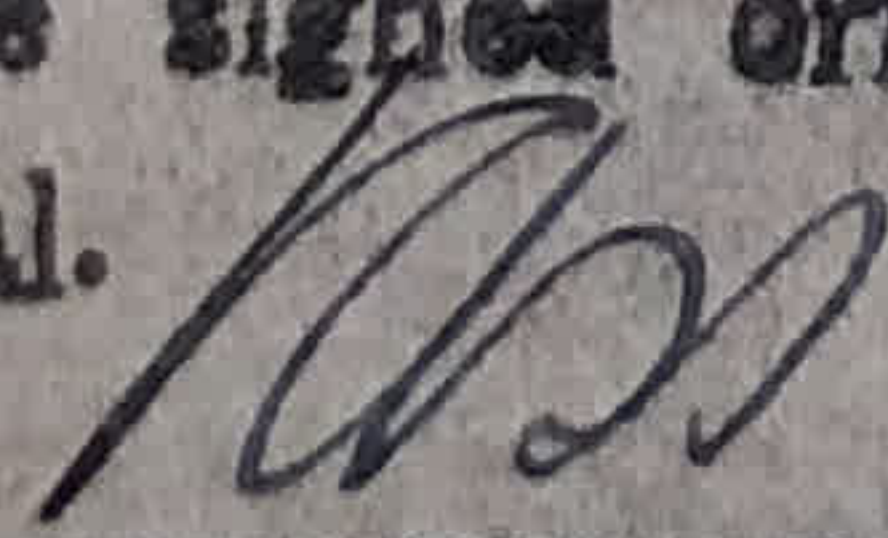
	<u>Passenger Cars</u>	<u>Motor Trucks</u>
1st quarter	84	74
2nd quarter	101	282
3d quarter	52	353
4th quarter	<u>40</u>	<u>168</u>
Totals	<u>277</u>	<u>877</u>

It will be noted that the above figures do not agree with the figures as given in the first table. Where figures as given by dealers are lower than those reported by the Customs, they represent cars which have arrived in Tientsin but were not cleared through the Customs until the following quarter. Where dealers' figures are higher, they represent cars which were imported under military huchao for the use of the military forces, the imports of which are not reported by the Customs.

The Consulate General is pleased to have had the opportunity of being of assistance to you and trusts that you will not hesitate to call upon it for any additional information which you may desire.

Very truly yours,

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the signed original.



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