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Sir:

Use of Motor Vehicles.

Referring to the mimeographed circular inquiry of March 8, Reference 27b, from the Automotive Division on the above subject, I may state that the number of motor vehicles in use in China probably does not exceed 30,000. Thus it is not a matter of great importance as to how these vehicles are used, especially so if it comes to a matter of preparing a lengthy detailed report on such a subject.

Trade Commissioner A. Viola Smith of the Shanghai office has recently sent to the Bureau a very complete detailed report on the motor vehicle situation in China, which indicates the types of cars used and shows quite clearly that the most promising aspect of the situation is the development of the use of motor busses on country roads. These are of a lighter type owing to the character of the roads.

The material already furnished the Bureau by our China organization on this subject seems adequate to answer the questions raised in this circular letter of March 8.

Yours very truly,

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