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PASSENGER CARS:

Subject: Automotive Census of China.

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Sir:

In acknowledgment of your letter of commendation of February 9, 1929, in reply to certain information furnished by this Consulate General, I have to submit supplemental information which I think your organization will be interested in receiving.

The total registration of passenger cars in China amounts to 19,414, but this does not include motor vehicles used by the various military forces, nor the number of registered or estimated automotive vehicles in the native city of Shanghai. Considering the country as a whole, I would venture to estimate some five thousand additional unregistered cars throughout China.

The figures and information given below were contributed by the various consular officers stationed throughout China:

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REPORT: AUTOMOTIVE VEHICLES OF CHINA

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PASSENGER CARS:

The total number of passenger cars in China as of January 1, 1929, is estimated at 19,414. Outside of Shanghai and one or two of the principal treaty ports it is practically impossible to segregate privately owned vehicles from taxicabs and other cars for hire, or to secure data regarding the nationality of makes. However, from places where such data is not available practically all consular officers report that fully eighty to ninety per cent of the cars are of American make. As an example, Shanghai has a total of 7,519 passenger cars and 4,831 of them are American, the rest being of European make, predominantly British.

REGISTRATION OF AUTOMOTIVE VEHICLES IN THE VARIOUS CONSULAR MOTOR BUSES, MOTOR TRUCKS, ET CETERA:

The total number of motor buses and motor trucks, including automotive fire-fighting apparatus, sprinklers, street cleaners, et cetera, in China as of January 1, 1929, is 8,244. It is believed that the great majority of these are also of American make. As an illustration, Shanghai has a total of 1,882 motor buses and motor trucks, 1,221 of which are of American origin. It has been found impossible to differentiate between buses and trucks since there are not separately enumerated in

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REGISTRATION OF PASSENGER CARS:

the various consular districts. It has likewise not been possible to estimate how many of the above are owned by private operators, rail, tramways, municipal, state, or federal governments.

TOTAL	19,414	1,852	767
		6,242	1,908

MOTOR CYCLES:

The total number of motor cycles in China as of January 1, 1929, is 1,908. Of this number it is estimated that only thirty to thirty-five per cent are of American make. As an example, Shanghai has a total of 767 motor cycles, only 277 of which are of American origin. It is likewise impossible to distinguish between private, municipal, state, or federal government owned motor cycles.

REGISTRATION OF AUTOMOTIVE VEHICLES IN THE VARIOUS CONSULAR

DISTRICTS:

American Consular District.	Passenger Cars	Motor Trucks & Buses	Motor Cycles
Amoy	77	143	2
Canton	800	1,052	-
Chefoo	77	27	5
Dairen	430	239	225
Foochow	26	40	3
Hankow	603	464	70
Harbin	1,708	1,210	4
Hongkong	1,600	477	525
Mukden	1,200	854	76
Nanking	715	225	10
Swatow	24	14	5
Tientsin	3,935	1,307	165
Tsinan	151	205	18
Tsingtao	544	100	30

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Subject:	<u>American Consular District</u>	<u>Passenger Cars</u>	<u>Motor Trucks & Buses</u>	<u>Motor Cycles</u>
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Via:	TOTAL	7,519	1,882	767
Routing:		<u>19,414</u>	<u>8,244</u>	<u>1,908</u>

If this Consulate General can be of any further assistance at any future time, it will be pleased to do so upon your request.

Very respectfully yours,

Edwin S. Cunningham,
American Consul General.

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