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AUTOMOTIVE DIVISION

Reference is made to your Grading and Comment Slip dated, June 11, 1934, regarding Special Report No. 3883, dated May 4, 1934.

In explanation of the continuation of a monthly report on the automotive market, I have to say that it is customary for me to make up a short statement suitable for inclusion in the China Monthly Trade Report which is compiled periodically by either Mr. Arnold or Mr. Calder. We had thought that it might be useful to your Division, if these remarks were somewhat amplified into a one or two page report. As these monthly reports appear to be of no particular use we shall discontinue them.

With reference to your comment that the import figures are received by our office several months in advance of their receipt in the Bureau Library, we are somewhat at a loss to understand why these published figures should not reach the Department earlier. Years ago the Customs did not issue a Monthly Trade Returns, Their Annuals were very late indeed. At that time we had a private arrangement with the Customs for securing month import figures in advance. However, since 1932, the Customs has regularly issued in printed form, Monthly Returns of the Foreign Trade of China. These published returns are received by us about the 25th of the following month. It has been our understanding that copies were being regularly forwarded direct to the Department of Commerce, by the Statistical Department of the Customs. In this event, the figures should reach the Bureau as quickly, if not sooner than our office could get them to you. In other words, we do not now receive advance copies of the Monthly Returns of Trade. We receive them through the Customs as soon as they are released for sale. Our suggestion some time ago, that we discontinue making up a typewritten report of the data covering the imports of motor vehicles, was based on the belief that the Department was regularly receiving these published monthly returns of trade, and that they would be in your hands as quickly as we could prepare a report here, and transmit it by mail.

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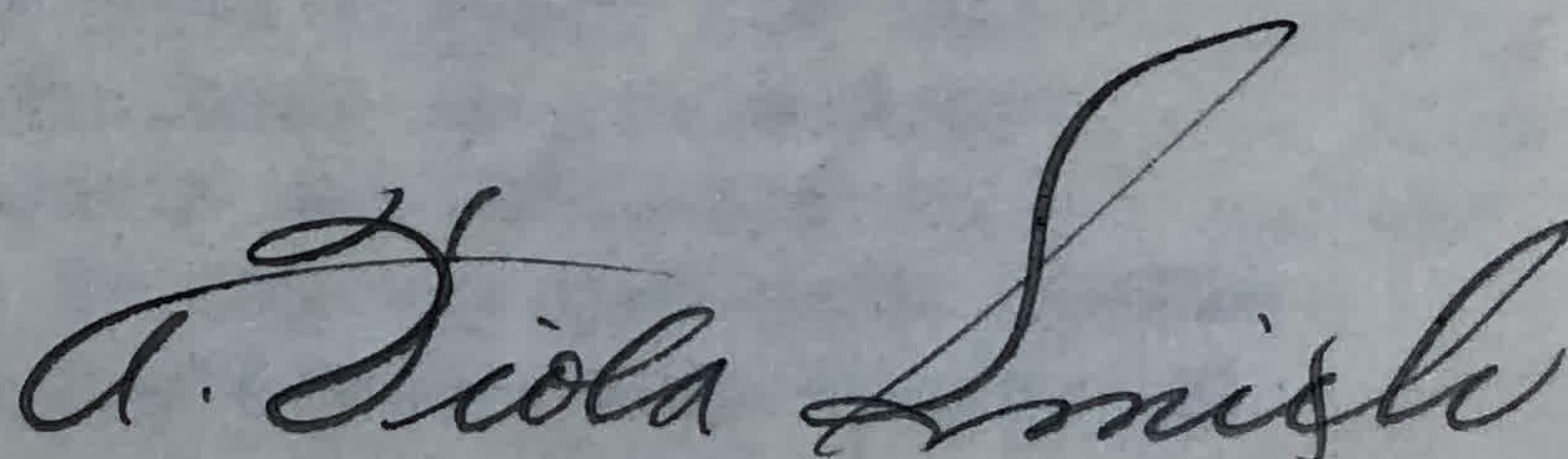
Will you kindly ascertain from the Library whether or not they are regularly receiving the following publications:

1.- Statistical Series No. 8, entitled "Monthly Returns of the Foreign Trade of China." This publication contains cumulative figures to the end of the year and for corresponding period of previous year. The price is Chinese \$2.00 per copy; annual subscription Chinese \$20.00.

2.- "Shanghai Monthly Returns of Foreign Trade." This publication contains cumulative figures to end of year for imports and exports to and from the Port of Shanghai only. The price of this publication is Chinese \$1.50 per copy; annual subscription Chinese \$15.00.

Both of the above publications contain data relative to countries of origin.

If you find that these publications are not being received direct by the Library of the Department of Commerce, perhaps you would care to have them subscribed for, which we shall be glad to do upon receipt of the usual Letter of Authority from the Bureau.



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Trade Commissioner.

Approved for Transmission:



A. Bland Calder,
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