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Supplied: 100 CHEVROLET CHASSIS

From: MUKDEN OFFICE

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC COMMERCE
Mukden

January 5th, 1929.

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To: Automotive Division.
From: Mukden Office.
Subject: Sale of 100 Chevrolet Chassis.

Sir,

We have been informed by the agent in Mukden of the General Motors Company that they have just received an order for 100 Chevrolet Chassis from a newly organized corporation in Mukden. The name of the corporation is the Davis Express Company, and the Directorate is composed of influential men in close touch with the doings of the Government. There is considerable significance to this order as an indication of what is going to happen in the near future. Up to the present, carts with springs ^{on the} axles have been used for transporting heavy shipments across the city to and from railway stations, but since these carts are ruinous to surfaced roads, their activity has been confined to a few unfinished roads throughout the city. The local Government has been shutting down on these unfinished roads and improving them one by one, so that now the carts are operating under considerable restrictions. The formation of this new Company is a further indication that more roads will be closed to cart traffics next spring and that moter vehicle will become more prominent in Mukden.

Yours truly,

John J. Ehrhardt
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American Trade Commissioner

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