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TO: Chief of Station, [REDACTED]
Attention: [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: Auto Accident Claims

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REFERENCES: [REDACTED]

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1. A decision was requested in [REDACTED] and 1107 in regard to accident claims of the type attached to [REDACTED]. These claims arise from the negligence of overseas employees driving vehicles belonging to, or rented by, this Agency.

2. Regulations provide that Headquarters is authorized to adjust, determine, make final settlement, and authorize payment of claims arising from the negligence of field employees outside the continental U. S. Settlement and payment may be made directly by this organization, or for security purposes, through the appropriate agency involved. Such an agency may either be reimbursed or paid in advance. However, investigation and processing of the claim should be made by the appropriate agency, and the final liquidated amount of settlement should then be submitted to ADSO for approval.

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3. It is our understanding that the [REDACTED] claim is now settled. For claims of this nature arising between 20 December 1946 and the time when our vehicles were insured, the preferable agency of payment is probably the Army Claims Office rather than the Military Attache, but that is a matter of expedience and security for your discretion.

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