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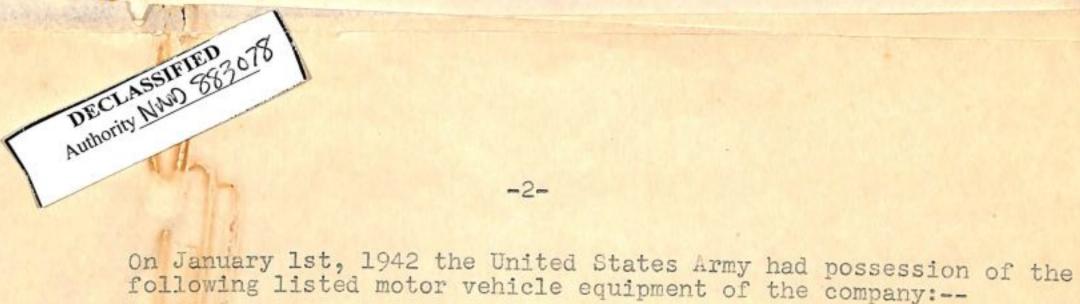
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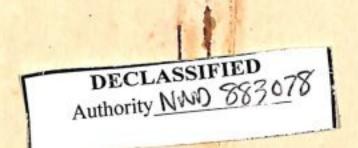
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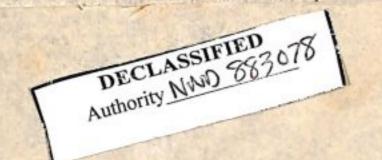
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Receipt of your letter under date of February 24, 1942 with reference to the use of transportation of the Pampanga Bus Company, Inc. (Pambusco) is hereby acknowledged.

Very truly yours,

JOHN B. BRETTELL Major, Q. M. Corps, Executive Officer.

A TRUE COPY:

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