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THE SECRETARY,
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26th June, 1940.

Sir,

Home Security Circular No.147/1940.
F.B. Circular No.88/1940.
Scottish Home Department Fire Brigades Division Circular No.L.114/40.
Immobilisation of Unattended Vehicles.

I am directed by the Minister of Home Security to forward a copy of the Motor Vehicles (Control) Order, 1940, together with the explanatory circular issued to Chief Officers of Police. The "Instructions to drivers of motor vehicles, etc." referred to in the circular were sent to local authorities with A.R.P. Dept. circular 248/1939.

I am to request your authority to issue the necessary instructions to secure that the provisions of the Order are complied with in the case of vehicles under your authority's control.

In this connection, I am to call your attention to the exemption provided for vehicles while in use as Civil Defence or Fire Service vehicles or as ambulances. It is considered that the provisions of the Order may not always be appropriate in the case of vehicles while employed on these duties. It is necessary, however, that instructions should be issued by your authority in respect of any such vehicles as are under your authority's control, in order to secure that these vehicles cannot be driven away by any unauthorised person.

Attention is also directed to the provisions of paragraph 3(b) of Article 1 of the order. If your authority own public service vehicles and decide to take advantage of this provision, it is important that, in addition, steps should be taken both to immobilise as many individual vehicles housed in the garage as is consistent with the maintenance of services and to dispose vehicles near entrances not in use so as to place the greatest possible obstacle in the way of any unauthorised person attempting to remove any of them.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

F C Johnson

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The County Clerk,
The Town Clerk,
The Clerk of the District Council.

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