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MEMORANDUM TO: Prosecution Section (Report No. 117)
THRU: Executive Officer, War Crimes Branch
SUBJECT: Massacre of more than one thousand civilians at
Lipa, Batangas Province, Luzon, P. I.

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II. SUMMARY OF EVIDENCE:

At about 2100 hours on 5 March 1945, about one thousand Filipino men, women, and children were required by the Japanese to assemble in the Barrio of Bulihan, Lipa, Batangas, Luzon, P.I. The men were separated from the women and children and led away in small groups to the edge of a cliff. Here they were blindfolded and tied and then bayoneted to death. Their bodies were pushed over the cliff into a stream which ran at the foot of the embankment. The Japanese then disposed of the women and children in the same manner (R 1, 4, 7, 10, 26, 27). The slaughter continued for four hours (R 4). Five or six hundred dead bodies were seen later along the edge of the river (R 18, 22).

On the same night five or six hundred Filipino men, women, and children were assembled in the barrio of Suloc, Santo Tomas, Batangas, Luzon, P.I. Suloc is about two kilometers from Bulihan. About two hundred of them were released but the remaining three hundred were taken in small groups to the edge of a nearby stream and bayoneted to death, after which their bodies were thrown into or along the bank of the stream (R 13, 21, 22, 31).

Nineteen other male Filipino civilians were murdered in a similar manner on a mountain side near Suloc (R 17, 18).

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