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THRU: Executive Officer, War Crime Branch

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太平洋方面合衆國陸軍總司令部戦争犯罪支部

一九四六年昭和三十五年五月十日

檢察部宛覺書(報告第一六六号)

戦争犯罪支部執行 行政官經由

一九四五年昭和三十五年五月十四日に於ける比島ミンダナオ/MINDANAO/
ダバオ市/DABAOCITY/タグボック/TAGBUK/附近に於けるリックン
人市民約八十九名殺害ニ関スル件

II 證據ノ概要

一九四五年昭和三十五年五月十日日本兵ハタグボック/TAGBUK/居住ノ男カ女
及兒童等約百名ヲ狩集メ安全地帯ニ彼等ヲ誘導シテ彼等ヲバ
リックン/BALINGANIN/ニ運レテ行ツタ。バリックン/於テ此ノ國
が合計約二百名ニルマテ更ニ外ノ人々が加ヘラレタ。

一九四五年昭和三十五年五月十四日朝彼等ヲ一團ハ四十五名他ハ百六十名ノ二團ニ
分割セラタ。小人數ノ團ヲ監視セル日本兵達が突然彼等ヲ射撃手ニ
始メスルト他ノ團モ彼等ノ監視兵ヲヨツテ突破サレタ。
是等ノ人々ノ内或ル者ハ逃ゲ出シテ逃走スルコトが出来タ。(報告一〇九)

翌日午後脱出シタ内ノ三名が虐殺ノ現場ニ引キ返シテ来テ八十九名ノ
人々ノ死体ヲ數エタ。(報告二一)

其中ニ三名ハ識別シ得タ。彼等ハ亦十四名ノ少女が小銃ノ彈及銃
剣ニヨル數箇所ノ創傷ヲ受ケテ居タが然レシノ女ハマダ生命ヲトリトメ
テ居ツタ。(報告二五)

ドウニテ此等ノ人々が殺サレタカ理由ハ知ルコトが出来ナイ、彼等ハ公正ナル
裁判ニ付セラレナカッタ。(報告一〇)

