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MEMORANDUM TO: Prosecution Section (Report No. 101)
THRU: Executive Officer, War Crimes Branch
SUBJECT: San Jose, Batangas Massacre

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II. SUMMARY OF EVIDENCE:

On or about 23 January 1945, a warehouse in the vicinity of San Jose, Batangas, used by the Japanese to store their supplies was looted and burned by guerrillas and civilians (R 1). On 27 January 1945 the Japanese rounded up the people of the town for questioning concerning this incident, and arrested a priest, the mayor, and two other town officials. One of these men escaped (R 1), but the remains of the others were later found and identified.

From that time on through March 1945, the Japanese carried on a program of burning and killing throughout the barrios of San Jose. At least one hundred and seven Filipinos including women and children were slain by the Japanese (R 1, Exhibit A). Many were tied, led away and bayoneted (R 29, 33, 47). Some of the bodies were mutilated; the hands and feet of one victim were cut off, and the right hand of another was severed (R 22). The burned and beheaded body of one man was found tied to a post (R 19).

Ten members of one family, in whose home the Japanese found a leaflet dropped by an American plane, announcing the landing of United States' troops on Leyte, were arrested and later found bayoneted to death (R 32, 33).

Anselmo ALABASTRO, Eutiquio ALABASTRO, and Felipe ALABASTRO were taken by the Japanese to the home of BALIWAG, a short distance from their own home. Here they were tied hand and foot with their backs to the posts of the house, and burned to death when the Japanese set fire to the house (R 19). Others were taken from their homes and bayoneted to death, and their houses burned to the ground (R 16, 44, 47). At least fifty-eight homes and buildings were burned by the Japanese (R 2).

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太平洋地域法務官事務室
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一九四五年(昭和二十年)十一月十四日

覺書宛名 - 檢察部 (報告 才一〇一号)

経 由 - 戦犯支部主任將校

件 名 - バタングス州サンゼシノ虐殺

二、證據概要

一九四五年(昭和二十年)一月二十三日、若シクハ其ノ前日、日本軍ニ依リ、其ノ食糧貯藏ニ使用サレテ平タ「バタングス」ノ「サンゼ」附近ノ倉庫ガ「ゲリラ」隊及ビ市民ニ依リテ掠奪、火災ヲ蒙ツタ。(R二)一九四五年(昭和二十年)一月二十七日、日本軍ハ此事件ニ関スル訊問ノ為、市民ヲ駆リ集メ、僧一名、市長及ビ二名、他ノ市役員ヲ逮捕シタ。彼等、中一人ハ逃レ(R二)タガ、他ノ人々ノ遺骨ハ、後日発見サレ、彼等ノソレニ尙違ヒナイ事ガ確認サレタ。

此ノ時以來、一九四五年三月一杯ニカケテ、日本軍「サンゼ」ノ村落一帯ニ亘ツテ、焼打ヲ殺害ノ計画ヲ實施シタ。少クモ婦女、子供ヲ含ム百七名ノ比律賓人ガ日本軍ニ殺害サレ、書證A)多ク、人ガ捕縛サレ、連シ去ラシ、銃劍ヲ刺殺サレタ(R二九、三三四七)。若干ノ屍体ハ切断セタ。一名ノ犠牲者

西キ両足ハ切断サレ、他ノ一名ノ犠牲者ハ右手ヲ切断セラサタ(R三三)燒ケ焦ゲタ首無しノ男ノ屍体ガ柱ニ縛リ付ケラレテ「居」モ発見サレタ(R十九)。或ル家族ノ十人ノ者ハ其ノ家テ、合衆國軍ノ「上陸」ヲ報ジタ「粟米」利加機、散布シタ傳單ガ発見セタタメ、日本軍ニヨリ捕ヘラレ、後ニ銃劍ヲ刺殺サレタコトガ発見サレタ(R三三)「アンセルモ」アラバストロ「ユテイキオ」アラバストロ「及」「アリア」バストロ「ハ」日本兵ニ自分等家カラ少し離レタ「バリ」ワゲ「ノ」家ニ連シテ行カレタ。此処デ、彼等ハ手足ト身体ヲ家ノ柱ニ縛

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附ケラレ、家ニ放火サレテ、焼死シタノデアツタ (R一九)。又他ノ
人々ハ家カラ連レ出サレ、銃劍ヲ刺殺サレ、彼等ノ家ハ焼失
サセラレタ (R一六、四四、四七)。ソウトモ五八戸ノ家屋ト建
造物ガ日本軍ニ依ツテ焼カレタノデアル (R二)。