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The Honorable
The Secretary of State
Dear Mr. Secretary:

Reference is made to the inclosed copy of letter directed to your office 17 June 1947, relative to the claim of this Department against the Republic of the Philippines in connection with the destruction of Philippine Currency by War Department Disbursing Officers in 1942, to prevent seizure thereof by the Japanese.

Inasmuch as informal advice has been received to the effect that all such claims must be presented to the Philippine Government prior to 8 August 1948 and that formal receipt of subject claim was not a matter of record at the time of departure of Philippine officials presently on a visit to the United States, it will be appreciated if assurance can be given that the interests of this Department are receiving appropriate attention.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) KENNETH C. ROYALL

Kenneth C. Royall
Secretary of the Army

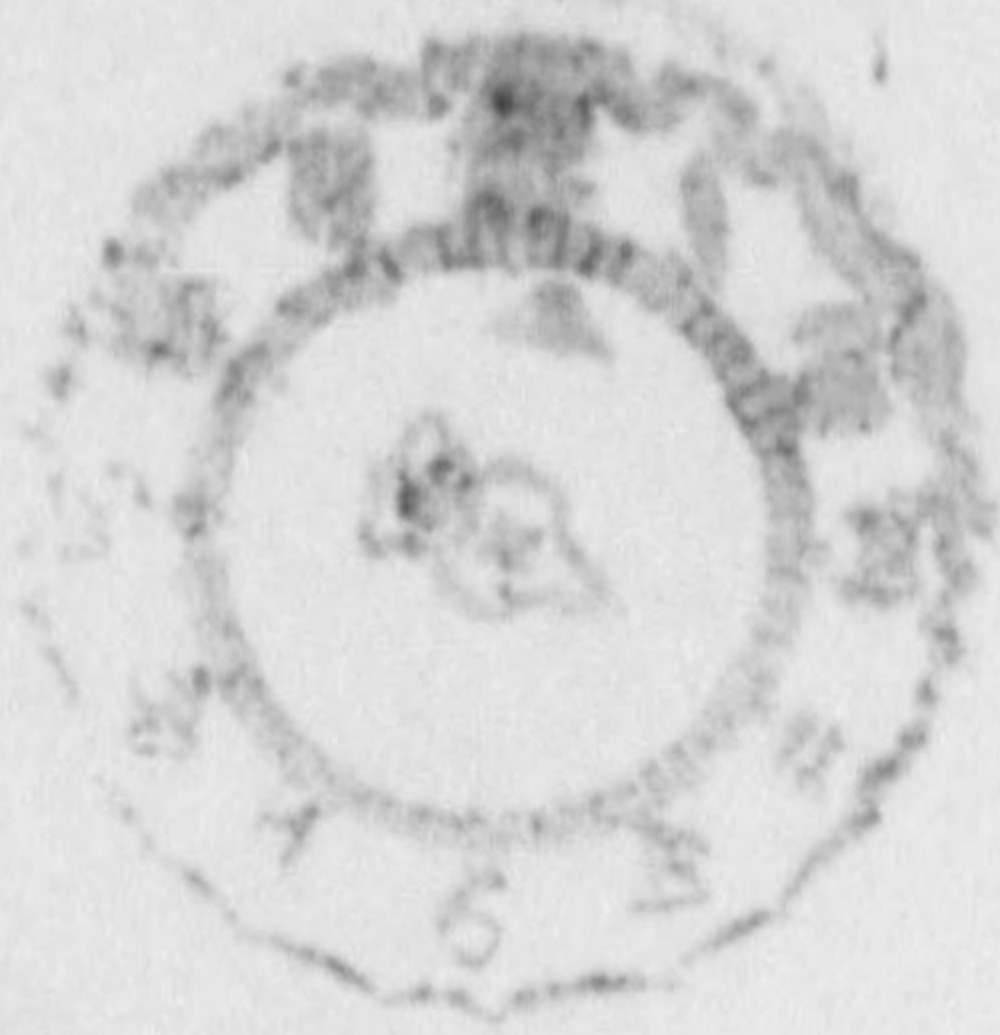
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The Honorable
The Secretary of State

Dear Mr. Secretary:

The Commanding General, Philippines-Ryukyus Command has reported that lawlessness has reached serious proportions in the Manila area. A copy of his letter dated 28 January 1948 is inclosed.

It appears that General Moore has taken appropriate action short of placing armed guards on United States vehicles to protect government property and to safeguard American lives. It also appears that two requests to the American Ambassador to make appropriate representations to the Philippine Government have not resulted in any improvement in this situation.

It is recommended that the State Department make strong representations to the Philippine Government so that effective action will be taken to remedy this situation.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) KENNETH C. ROYALL

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Kenneth C. Royall
Secretary of the Army
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26 DEC 1947

The Honorable

The Secretary of State

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Reference is made to letter from the Secretary of War, dated 17 June 1947, reporting Philippine currency in the amount of one million eight hundred eighty thousand six hundred ninety-six dollars (\$1,880,696.00) destroyed by United States Army disbursing officers in 1942 to prevent its falling into the hands of the enemy. Communications furnishing additional information, including the names of persons who witnessed the currency destruction, are submitted in support of the claim against the Philippine Republic for the amount in question.

Sincerely yours,

(Sgd) KENNETH C. ROYALL

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Kenneth C. Royall
Secretary of the Army

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The Honorable
The Secretary of Navy
Dear Mr. Secretary:

Attached hereto is a copy of a memorandum from the Secretary of Defense dated 6 November 1947 requesting that I take the initiative in the matter of issuing a joint directive for the establishment and operation of the Joint U. S. Military Advisory Group to the Republic of the Philippines.

Request that you sign each of the four inclosed original copies of the joint directive if this directive is agreeable to you. Further request that you forward the four signed original copies to the Secretary of Air Force with the request that he sign them if the directive is agreeable to him, returning one copy to you and forwarding two copies to me.

When the signed copies of the joint directive have been returned to me, I shall advise the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of the Air Force, and the Secretary of the Navy that the joint directive has been issued.

Sincerely yours,

(Sgd) KENNETH C. ROYALL

Kenneth C. Royall
Secretary of the Army

- 2 Incls
- 1. Memo fr Sec/Def to Sec/Army dd 6 Nov 47, w/incl
- 2. Directive to Joint USMAC (4 orig)

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The Honorable
The Secretary of State
Dear Mr. Secretary:

Close-out of Army activities in two major bases in the Philippine Islands is dependent upon the disposition of excess combat material present on these bases. Large numbers of rifles, machine guns, mortars, artillery pieces and tanks constitute the bulk of the material. A detailed list of the items was furnished to the State Department in July 1947. These weapons are in a questionable condition due to extended storage in a tropical climate. This material is excess to all current requirements of the U.S. Armed Forces. Immediate disposition is required. Army funds are no longer available for expenditure in safe-guarding and storing this material. Limited funds currently available are required for closing-out these bases. The Philippine Army desires this equipment and is prepared to take immediate delivery.

I recommend that this material be turned over immediately, under the provisions of Public Law 454, approved 26 June 1946, 60 Stat. 315 to the Government of the Philippines on a where-is-as-is basis. Request your approval.

Sincerely yours,

(Sgd) KENNETH C. ROYALL

Kenneth C. Royall
Secretary of the Army

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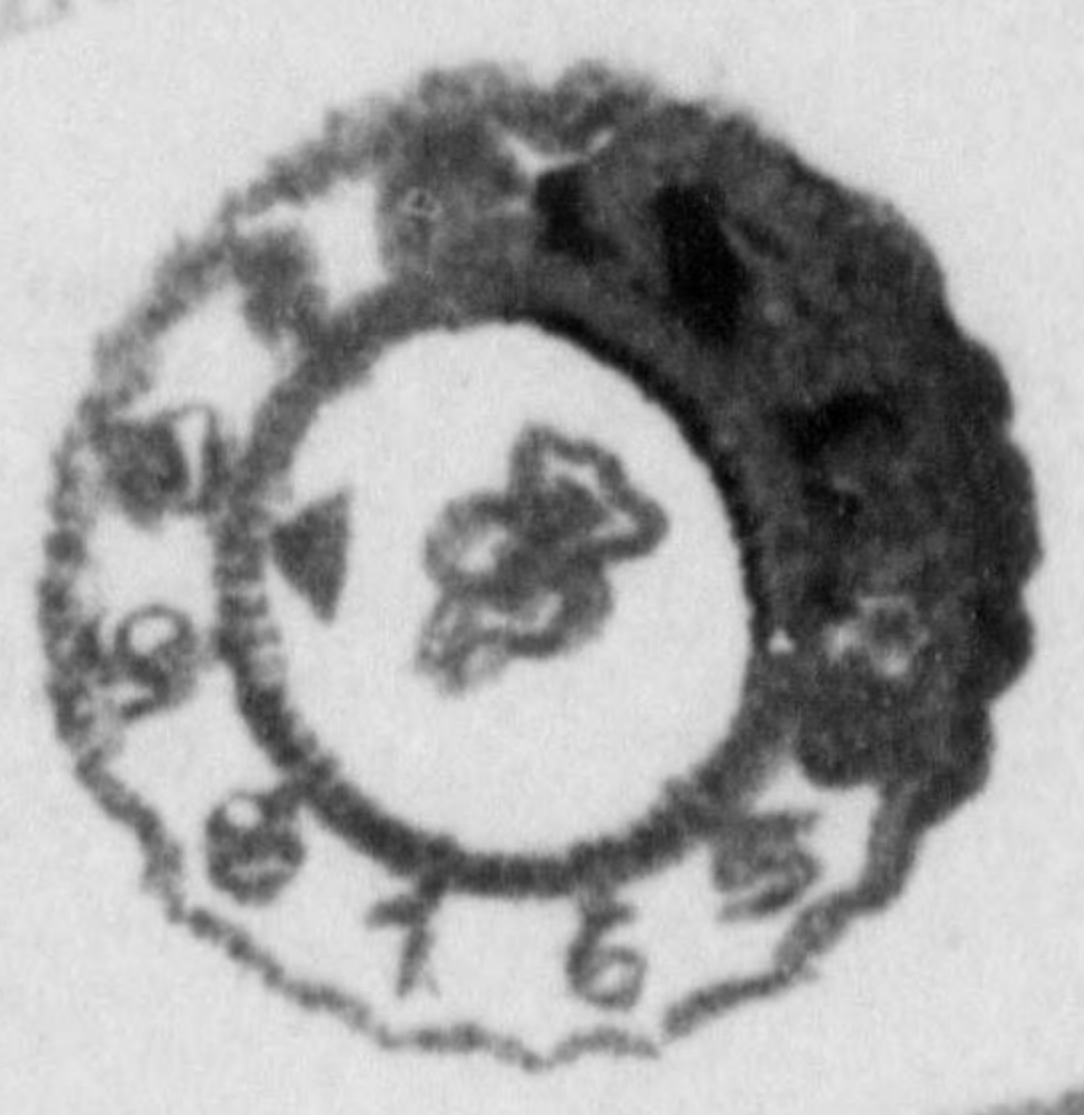
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The Honorable
The Secretary of State
Dear Mr. Secretary:

Reference is made to letter, dated 14 August 1947, from Mr. John B. Steelman, Special Assistant to the President, to the Secretary of Navy, concerning disposition of the "Sea Frontier Area", Manila, P.I. A copy of this letter has been furnished your Department.

In view of the decision contained therein, the War Department has instructed the Commanding General, PHILBYOON, to take such action as may be necessary on his part to permit use of this area by the Department of State.

I am certain that this action will resolve the matter of disposition of this facility.

Sincerely yours,

(Sgd) KENNETH C. ROYALL

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Secretary of War

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The Honorable
The Secretary of State

Dear Mr. Secretary:

This office has completed the reconstruction of the money accounts of certain U. S. Army disbursing officers captured in the Philippine Islands in 1942 by the Japanese. This work shows the following destruction of Philippine currency to prevent its seizure by the Japanese:

At Corregidor, May 5/6, 1942

By Colonel J. E. Vance, Disbursing Symbol 210-896 \$984,606.00
 See Exhibit A.
 By Lt. Colonel L. M. Edwards, Disbursing Symbol 200-706 156,088.00
 See Exhibit B.

At Malaybalay, Mindanao

By 1st Lt. S. R. Franks, Disbursing Symbol 210-855 252,500.00
See Exhibit C.

At Unknown Point in Island of Panay

Funds intrusted to Lt. Col. K. S. Olson, PD, as Class "B" Agent for Colonel Vance, Disbursing Symbol 210-396 487,500.00
See Exhibit D.

Total..... \$1,830,696.00

All the above currency was obtained from the Philippine Commonwealth Treasury in exchange for U. S. Treasury dollar checks drawn by U. S. Army Disbursing Officers. It was in the form of Philippine Treasury notes and Philippine National Bank notes, all of which were legal tender and in circulation in the Philippines before the war.

In addition to the above named officers, there were three other

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Army Disbursing Officers operating in the Philippines at the time. Of these, Colonel W. A. Enos (210-315) had transferred his cash to First Lieutenant S. R. Franks and it is herein reported under the name of the latter. Lieut. Colonel J. E. Brinkmeyer (210-633) had transferred his cash to Colonel J. R. Vance and it is reported under Colonel Vance's name. The other, Mr. J. Earl Tipton (210-755) Special Disbursing Agent at Manila, December 24-31, 1941, did not destroy his cash which was seized by the Japanese on January 2, 1942. It is noted that the attached letter dated 28 August 1942, states that two hundred fifty-two thousand seven hundred thirty-nine dollars and thirty-eight cents (\$252,739.88) was destroyed, however only two hundred fifty-two thousand five hundred dollars (\$252,500.00) of that amount can be identified as paper money and the amount is thereby reduced by two hundred thirty-nine dollars and thirty-eight cents (\$239.88), which represents coin.

This report should be considered as final and complete as to the destruction of Philippine currency carried as cash on hand in the accounts of the disbursing officers involved.

This report is submitted for use in substantiating a claim against the Philippine Republic with the request that check in settlement thereof be made payable to the Secretary of War.

Sincerely yours,

(S) ROBERT P. PATTERSON

Secretary of War

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Military Assistance to the
Philippines FY 47

P&O 091.711 P.L. (23 May 47)

7 June 1947

SUMMARY

1. The Commanding General, PHILRYCON, estimates that, by 30 June 47, food, clothing and fuel in the amount of \$6,487,365 will have been furnished the Philippine Army from U.S. Army stocks under authority of Public Law 663 - 79th Congress.

2. The War Department intended that essential assistance to the Philippine Army, which was beyond the potential of the Philippine Government to provide, would be gratuitous. However, supplies were furnished from U.S. Army stocks for which the Philippine Army apparently had the necessary funds to make their own procurement. Although the amount was not known, it was felt that, as a matter of principle, supplies in this latter category should be reimbursable, and WARK 97423 (Tab B) was dispatched as a result of a Theater query.

3. SX 4006 (CM-IN-21, May 47) from the Military Advisory Group, Philippines, advises that the Philippine Government, by formal note to the U.S. Embassy, Manila, has requested that assistance authorized by Public Law 663 be gratuitous.

4. Major General Jones, Chief, Military Advisory Group, has strongly recommended that the supplies in question be considered on a non-reimbursable basis. As a practical matter, the Budget Division does not consider it feasible to obtain reimbursement; nor would reimbursement, if obtained, operate to increase funds available to the War Department (See BSBP, Budget Division and P&O comments, Tab C). It is believed advisable, therefore, that these supplies be considered as gratuitous and that the State Department be so informed. Following decision by the latter, CINCPAC will be notified. Mr. Ely, Chief, Philippine Affairs, State Department, advises that the State Department would welcome such a proposal.

RECOMMENDATION

That the attached letter (Tab A) be approved, signed by the Secretary of War and dispatched.

COORDINATION

Concur - B/SSP, Colonel Clark, ext. 5169 (D/F concurrence, Tab C)
Concur - Budget Division, Colonel Tench, ext. 3556 (D/F concurrence, Tab C)
Concur - State - Philippine Affairs, Mr. Ely, Army Member ext. 665

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- 1. Tab A (Ltr for sig S/W)
- 2. Tab B (Clear cy of WARK 97423)
- 3. Tab C (P&O D/F w/B/SSP and Bud Div concurrences)

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The Honorable

The Secretary of State

11 JUN 1947

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Under the authority of Public Law 663, 79th Congress, the War Department has been furnishing to the Philippine Government certain supplies considered necessary to keep the Philippine Army in effective being during Fiscal Year 1947.

The Commanding General, PHILIPPINES, estimates that by 30 June 1947 the total cost to the War Department of these supplies will be \$6,487,365. It is now understood that the Philippine Government, by formal note to the U. S. Embassy in Manila, has requested that the assistance authorized by Public Law 663 be gratuitous.

The War Department has intended that essential assistance to the Philippine Army which was considered beyond the potential of the Philippine Government to provide would be gratuitous. However, supplies were furnished from U. S. Army stocks for which the Philippine Army apparently had the necessary funds to make their own procurement. It was felt that these latter supplies should be reimbursable.

In view, however, of the strong recommendations expressed in radios SA 2017, 30 April 1947 and SA 4006, 21 May 1947 (copies furnished State Department), from Major General Jones, Chief, Military Advisory Group to the Philippines, favoring the Philippine request, the War Department is willing to consider this assistance on a gratuitous basis.

If the Department of State has no objection, it is suggested that the Philippine Government be informed that supplies furnished during Fiscal Year 1947, under the authority of Public Law 663, do not require reimbursement. When advised of your decision, the War Department will notify the appropriate overseas commanders.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) ROBERT F. HARTNESSON

Secretary of War

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The President

The White House

Dear Mr. President:

Public Law 454 - 79th Congress authorizes the President of the United States to provide certain military assistance to the Republic of the Philippines; this authority may be exercised through such department, agency, or officer as the President may designate.

In March 1947, the Department of State completed negotiations and consummated a Military Assistance Agreement between the United States and the Republic of the Philippines.

The War and Navy Departments have taken requisite action to assure implementation of the provisions of the Public Law 454 and the government agreement. To permit further action under Public Law 454, by the State, War and Navy Departments, a delegation of authority by the President is necessary.

The attached draft directive is proposed as a means of conferring this authority.

Respectfully yours,

(Signed) ROBERT P. PATTERSON

/s/
Secretary of State

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Secretary of Navy

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARIES OF STATE, WAR AND NAVY DEPARTMENTS:

The State, War and Navy Departments are directed to promulgate such rules and regulations as may be appropriate and to take such action as may be necessary and proper to carry out the provisions of Public Law 454 - 79th Congress.

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The Honorable
 The Secretary of State
 My dear Mr. Secretary:

The Military Assistance Agreement with the Republic of the Philippines was signed on 21 March 1947 in Manila. In the main, the Agreement provides that the United States will furnish to the Government of the Republic of the Philippines a Military Advisory Group, certain military training facilities within the United States and certain military supplies and equipment required by the Philippine Army. It is believed highly desirable that immediate steps be taken to consummate that phase of the implementation of this Agreement, which provides for turning over certain materiel to the Philippine Government. Supplies and equipment held in U. S. Army Depots for release to the Philippine Army should be turned over to the custody of the Philippine Government, at once, before the large and immediate problem of U. S. Army reduction and subsequent out-shipping of supplies results in further deterioration and loss of these stocks. Unless early release of these Philippine Army supplies is initiated, the ability of the War Department to aid in the support of the Philippine Army from surplus stocks will be substantially reduced.

The War Department's ability to support the program from surplus stocks is limited to the following:

- a. Those items already in the custody of the Philippine Army.
- b. Those items which have been retained in the Theater Commander's disposition level for this program.
- c. Such other surpluses as may later be generated in the Theater as a result of the reduction of U. S. forces and discontinuance of certain programs of retention.

It is to the best interest of the War Department and the Philippine Army to accomplish the transfer of the available military property referred to above, at the earliest practicable date. It is accordingly requested that the War Department be advised whether any objection exists on the part of the State Department to transfer of this property to the custody of the Philippine Government. Physical transfer of the property will be phased to conform with the Theater Commander's close-out requirements and the ability of the Philippine Government to receive the property.

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Accomplishment of the provisions of the agreement concerning an Advisory Group, and furnishing limited amount of Philippine Army specialist training at U. S. Army schools, are within the capabilities of the War Department.

Action has already been taken by the State and War Departments to inform the Philippine Government of the limitations on further logistical assistance with specific reference to our present program of furnishing food, clothing and fuel after 30 June 47.

It is accordingly recommended that the Philippine Government be advised as follows:

- a. That supplies and equipment available for turnover to the Philippine Army are limited to those categories listed in paragraph two above;
- b. That transfer of this equipment will be phased to conform with the Theater Commander's close-out requirements and the ability of the Philippine Government to receive the property; and
- c. That action has been taken to provide for an Advisory Group and for the limited training of Philippine military personnel at U. S. Army schools.

It is further recommended that the Department of State insure that the Philippine Government realizes the limitations imposed on further supply of food, fuel and clothing after 30 June 47.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) ROBERT P. PATTERSON

Secretary of War

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The Honorable
The Secretary of State

29 JAN 1947

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I have received your letter of January 15, in which you expressed President Roxas' desire to correct any false impression left recently by Mr. H. E. Beyster of the Beyster Corporation of Detroit.

Mr. Beyster did call upon me on 17 December 1946. He was not informed by me that all United States troops would be out of the Philippines in sixty days, and the action he has taken is considered regrettable. However, it is not considered of sufficient consequence to require any specific action.

I have received a memorandum from the President as a result of the memorandum you sent him on December 24, 1946, and I believe the future U. S. military position in the Philippines is clear to the President, to you, and to me.

Sincerely yours,

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(Signed) ROBERT P. PATTERSON
Secretary of War

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The Honorable
The Secretary of State

Dear Mr. Secretary,

I have received your letter dated December 24, 1946 recommending that our representatives and those of the Navy Department meet to discuss the problems of insurance and workmen's compensation in the Philippines. The War Department has discussed this matter with a Navy Department representative and both Departments concur in such a meeting. Major C. A. Stark, Office Chief of Finance, telephone War 5807, is designated as the War Department representative. Information as to the Navy Department representative may be secured from Commander Russell E. Shetley, Office Assistant Secretary of Navy, telephone Navy 5656.

It is understood that the State Department will request Mr. McNutt to comment on the political implications of negotiating an agreement with the Philippine Government. It is suggested, therefore, that a meeting not be held until reply from Mr. McNutt has been received.

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Sincerely yours,

(Signed) ROBERT P. PATTERSON

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P&O 091 Philippines (12 Sept 46)

The Honorable

The Secretary of State

Dear Mr. Secretary:

The status of U. S. Nationals employed by War Department contractors for construction of Philippine bases with regard to workmen's compensation laws and regulations is obscure, both because the Philippine Base Agreement has not been completed and because the attitude of the Philippine Government is not known.

Insurance carriers which have been chosen by government contractors for the work in the Philippines have informed the War Department that they are reluctant to establish claim offices in the Philippines without a definite agreement that they will not be subject to the laws of the Philippines pertaining to corporations doing business in a foreign country and workmen's compensation laws promulgated by the Philippine Government which may be applicable to American employees under government contractors.

In past instances, where the War Department engaged American contractors for work in foreign countries, agreement with that country, whereby U. S. contractors and their employees were not subject to corporation laws and workmen's compensation laws and regulations of such countries, was obtained. In such cases the Longshoremen's and Harbor Workers' Act, as amended by Public Laws Numbers 208 and 784 - 77th Congress, applied to employees under American contractors in foreign countries. The Canadian Agreement of 18 March 1942 is an example.

A similar agreement is desired by the War Department with the Philippine Government and would result in a financial saving to the U. S. Government. However, it is not believed that this item should be allowed to interfere or require the revision of the Philippine Base Negotiations. It is suggested that a temporary agreement to cover the five (5) year period of the Construction Program be obtained if possible.

Sincerely your,

(Signed) ROBERT P. PATTERSON

Secretary of War



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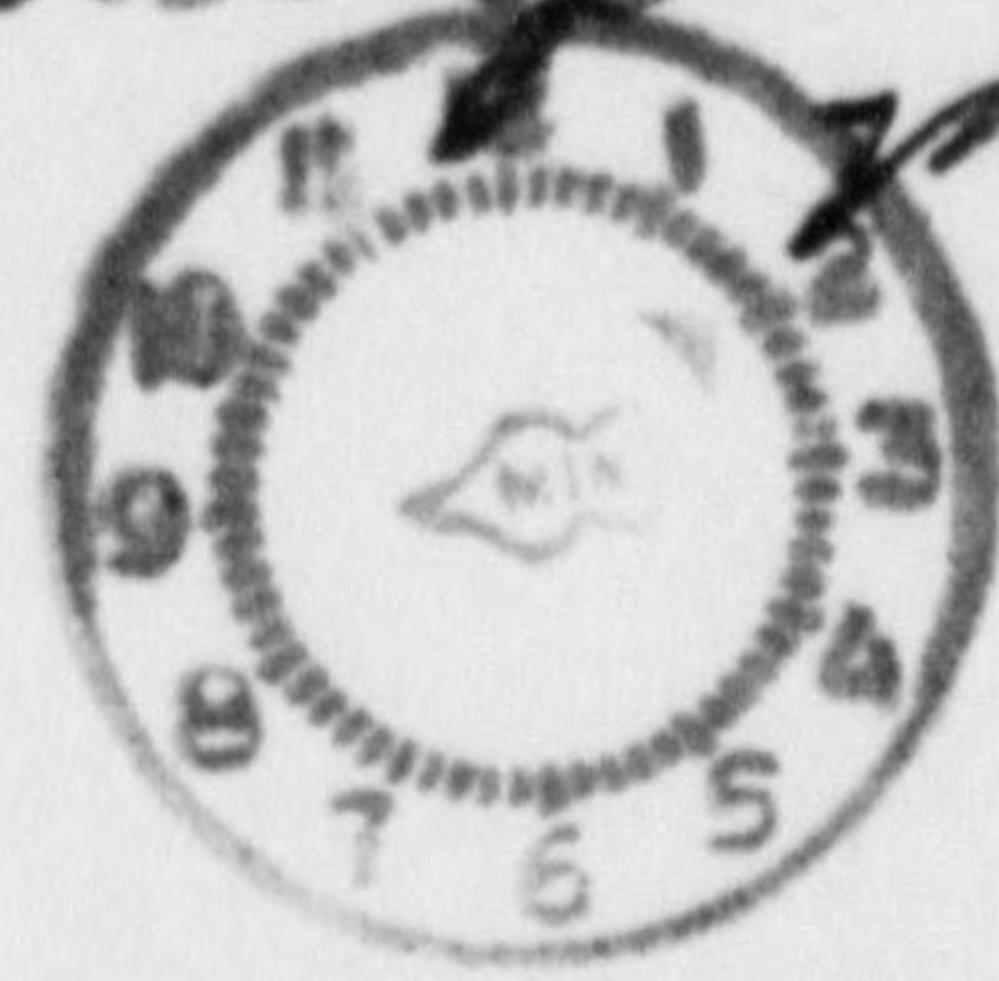
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The Honorable

The Secretary of State

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Steps are being taken by the State, War, and Navy Departments to initiate legislation in Congress which would permit military and naval assistance, including transfers of supplies and equipment beyond that already authorized, to the Philippine Commonwealth, to China, and to the nations of the Western Hemisphere.

Certain programs of assistance in this respect have been established. In anticipation of the fulfillment of these programs, the War Department has withheld from surplus declaration items excess to the needs of the Army and which are pertinent to the programs. However, the resources thus provided are not sufficient to meet any of the programs in full.

The War Department is proceeding with the demilitarization of military type items except those necessary to meet the requirements of approved foreign programs. The ability of the War Department to meet any new or augmented programs of assistance to foreign governments from available resources is therefore rapidly diminishing and will soon be practically negligible.

The question arises as to what means should be employed to meet deficiencies in approved programs which are beyond the ability of the War Department to supply from excess stocks, and how will maintenance and replacement for equipment transferred initially under these programs be provided?

It is believed that the determination of the procedure by which foreign governments shall obtain such items rests primarily with the State Department. Several methods suggest themselves. In some cases, it may be practicable for the War Department to manufacture military type items for other governments in arsenals and other government facilities, thus permitting the retention of skilled personnel and facilities so vital in an emergency. Again it may be feasible for the War Department to furnish technical advice and assistance to other governments in procuring items from American industry under export licenses approved through existing procedures under the purview of the State Department. A third method, which has already been used in case of small arms manufacture in Brazil, would be to

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sponsor manufacture in other countries by making available the necessary technical advice, equipment and supplies.

In view of the military implications involved, it is recommended that the SWNCC study this problem with a view to the formulation of a governmental policy.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) ROBERT P. PATTERSON

Secretary of War

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The Honorable

The Secretary of State

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Proposed legislation to provide military assistance to the Republic of the Philippines in post independence status has, at the request of the Navy and War Departments, recently been presented by you to the Congress.

While this legislation, if enacted, is sufficient to provide the legal authority for the assistance contemplated, further steps are requisite to the actual implementation of the program. Particularly urgent is the consummation of an international agreement between the United States and the Government of the Philippine Republic to define and establish the means by which this assistance will be provided including establishment of the classification of goods and services to be provided gratuitously and those to be furnished on a reimbursement basis.

I, therefore, strongly recommend that conversations be instituted at the earliest possible date with representatives of the Government of the Philippines in order that the necessary agreements may be ready for execution concurrently with the enactment of the pending legislation.

The War Department is prepared to cooperate in furnishing such assistance as you may require in the conduct of negotiations and in the preparation of agreements.

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Sincerely yours,

(Signed) KENNETH C. ROYAL

acting Secretary of War

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The Honorable
The Secretary of State

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I refer to your undated letter, file OIC, and my replies of 6 December 1945 and 20 December 1945 on the subject of radio transmitter construction at Malolos, Bulacan Province, Luzon, Philippine Islands.

The War Department, this date, by radio, has authorized General MacArthur to proceed with the construction of this installation on a reimbursable basis.

The estimated cost of Army participation in completing this project is \$38,897, not including cost of signal equipment.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) ROBERT P. PATTERSON

Secretary of War

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The Honorable
The Secretary of State

Dear Mr. Secretary

I refer to your undated letter, file OIG.

Your request has been referred to General
MacArthur for expression of his capabilities in
providing the necessary assistance insofar as
present operations and demobilization will permit.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) ROBERT P. PATTERSON

Secretary of War

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WASHINGTON

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My dear Mr. Secretary:

I am writing to request that the War Department authorize on a reimbursable basis such army assistance as is necessary to complete the construction of two radio transmitters at Malolos, Bulacan Province, Luzon, Philippine Islands.

The installation of these radio transmitters was planned for war purposes by the Office of War Information. The authorization of this installation by the then Southwest Pacific General Headquarters carried with it an understanding that the Army Engineers would assist with certain parts of the construction work, for which they alone had available the equipment and facilities.

The war ended before the actual work of erecting the transmitters had been undertaken. Since then the Office of War Information has become the Interim International Information Service, placed under the Department of State. The Department, to facilitate its overseas permanent information work, has decided to proceed with the installation of the transmitters in question.

This Department will appreciate your cooperation in what it regards as an urgently necessary project. I might add that the High Commissioner of the Philippines, Mr. McNutt, agrees with us as to the importance of completing these transmitters as rapidly as possible.

Sincerely yours,

For the Secretary of State:

/s/ Wm Benton

Assistant Secretary

The Honorable
Robert P. Patterson,
Secretary of War.

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4 September 1945

The Honorable
The Secretary of State
Dear Mr. Secretary:

Your letter dated 27 August 1945 has been received and your request for return of businessmen to the Philippines has been referred to the Joint Chiefs of Staff for consideration. The Joint Chiefs of Staff have been charged by Presidential directive with the approval of civilian travel to the Philippines.

Further information on the decision in this matter will be furnished your Department by the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Henry L. Stimson

Secretary of War

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Reception of Civilian Internees from the Philippines.

20 Mar 45

SUMMARY:

1. The attached reply to the letter of 16 March from Assistant Secretary of State Julius Holms, regarding reception of Philippine internees, takes full responsibility for arrangements for handling civilian internees up to the time they leave the port or airport. Among such responsibilities is that of control of press relations, which is a matter especially emphasized in the letter of 16 March. On this point, the Department of State is asked for informal guidance, for agreement on release of copy and for assurance that foreign nationals can be treated on the same basis as U.S. nationals. The draft reply points out that all control over the internees by the War Department is severed when the formalities are completed and the internees leave the port or airport, and that the Department of State must be relied upon for perfecting arrangements at the American Red Cross centers or elsewhere.

2. It is recommended that the attached letter be signed and dispatched, and that copies be sent to I.C., ATC, and BPR for their guidance.

COORDINATION:

3. Coordinated with Transportation Corps, ATC and BPR.

J. E. HILLING
Major General
Director, Civil Affairs Division

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28 MAR 1945

The Honorable

The Secretary of State

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I have your letter of March 16, signed by Assistant Secretary of State Holmes, with regard to arrangements for the reception in this country of the Philippine internees, with particular reference to centralized control at the port and to the question of press relations.

Control of arrangements for civilian internees in the port or on the pier is centralized in the Port Commander, ASF. Prior to arrival of each group, the Port Commander will issue appropriate orders with regard to functions and duties of each agency concerned within the port with civilian internee reception. Such orders will cover press relations, American Red Cross participation, entrance of relatives to the pier, and other matters. All possible cooperation will be extended to the civilian agencies for completion of the necessary formalities prior to departure of the internees from the port.

Similarly, arrivals by air will be centrally controlled by the Commanding Officer of the Port of Aerial Embarkation who will make all necessary arrangements with the interested agencies and, if possible, hold the internees until formalities are completed.

With particular reference to the subject of press relations, the Department of State should provide the War Department, informally, with a memorandum of policy guidance for public relations officers, should agree that such public relations officers may review and release copy for publication and should furnish assurances that press interviews with all foreign nationals can be handled similarly to interviews with U.S. nationals.

When the internees are ready to leave the pier or airport, they will be free to proceed to their homes or other destinations. If they are in need of clothing, financial assistance or other necessity, it is believed that their immediate destination will

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be the American Red Cross Reception Center in the port (or airport) city. The Department of State may wish to assure itself as to the adequacy of the arrangements at these reception centers and to the problem of press relations at the centers.

You understand, of course, that the above applies only to arrangements for civilian internees not connected with the Army or Navy. Military personnel and civilian employees of the Army and Navy will be handled through other procedures.

I would like to assure you that the War Department will do everything within its power to make the reception of the internees at the port or airport as simple and as satisfactory as possible, but we must rely upon your Department to affect all necessary arrangements with the civilian agencies, including the American Red Cross, to take charge of the situation when the internees leave the port or airport.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) ROBERT P. PATTERSON

Acting Secretary of War

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March 16, 1945

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My dear Mr. Secretary:

During the past few weeks there have been numerous discussions between officers of your Department and my Department in cooperation looking toward the effectuation of suitable arrangements for the reception in this country of the American and United Nations evacuees who have started arriving in this country from the Philippine Islands. Officers of the Civil Affairs Division, and Transportation Corps, G-2 and other branches of the War Department have rendered most effective cooperation in connection with these discussions.

Upon a study of the results achieved and of preliminary reports received regarding the arrival at San Francisco of the first group of civilians from the Philippine Islands, it becomes clear that there is no central authority which has control over the problems presented by the arrival in this country of civilians from the Philippine Islands. The Department of State has been glad to undertake to notify the next of kin of such persons and to facilitate assistance to them by the American Red Cross and by agencies cooperating with the latter, such as the Federal Security Board. It has been glad also to make the material in its files regarding the evacuees available to the agencies responsible for internal security. In the interest of assisting the evacuees it has waived passport requirements for American citizens and has established procedures for facilitating the entry into this country, subject to the findings of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, of non-Americans. It does not appear that there is much more in the way of official action which the Department of State can take in behalf of these individuals, nor is it clear that the action so far taken meets all the needs of the situation.

As an example of the unfulfilled needs of the situation I may refer to the question of the press relations of the returning civilians. There appears to be no civilian agency which is in a position to undertake the responsibility of regulating the relations between the civilians and representatives of the press. To meet the needs of military security I assume that the War Department has under consideration the advisability of thoroughly briefing the evacuees prior to their departure in order that they may be warned in advance of their arrival in this country of topics which under the terms of the Espionage Act must be avoided in discussions with the press.

In the circumstances I suggest for your consideration that we revert to the message from General MacArthur quoted in your letter to Mr. Grew of February 23, 1945. In that statement General MacArthur stated his intention to treat the evacuated civilians on a plane of equality with military casualties. It occurs to me that the War Department might wish to accord within limitations a similar privilege to the civilian evacuees arriving in this country and to assume jurisdiction over them as military evacuees pending the completion by the interested civilian agencies referred to above of the arrangements described above for the integration of these individuals into the community. This would presumably entail

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the assumption by the War Department of the responsibility for the press relations of the evacuees and the provision of staging facilities for a period ranging from a few hours to a few days until the evacuees have been suitably clothed by the civilian agencies and arrangements made for their travel to their respective destinations.

I believe that if the War Department could find it possible to make arrangements in the sense described, a great deal of possible confusion may be avoided.

Sincerely yours,

For the Secretary of State:

(s) J. C. Holmes
Assistant Secretary

The Honorable

Henry L. Stimson,

Secretary of War.

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Financing Canadian Nationals in Philippines

8 Mar 45

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SUMMARY:

1. The attached draft reply to letter of 3 March from the Acting Secretary of State regarding financing Canadian nationals in the Philippines states that a message is being dispatched to General MacArthur advising him of the Canadian guarantee and requesting him to acknowledge receipt of this information, to advise urgently if additional funds will be required by the Canadian nationals and to provide advance notice of the departure of such nationals from the Philippines. It is also stated that certificates received from Canadian nationals to cover cost of passage will be forwarded to the State Department and that the State Department will be advised of General MacArthur's reply.

2. It is recommended that the letter, attached, be signed and dispatched.

COORDINATION:

3. The message to General MacArthur has been coordinated with State, Interior and Treasury Departments, ASF-OPD, BOWD, OPD and OASW.

WM. C. CHANLER
Colonel, GSC
Acting Director
Civil Affairs Division

Incl:
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MAR 9 - 1945

Honorable Joseph C. Grew
Acting Secretary of State
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I have received your letter of 3 March inclosing a copy of a note from the Canadian Ambassador guaranteeing costs of passage to the United States of liberated Canadian nationals in the Philippine Islands provided certain conditions are met..

A message is being dispatched to General MacArthur, advising him of the Canadian guarantee and requesting him to acknowledge receipt of the information, to advise urgently whether additional funds will be needed for financing Canadian nationals and to give advance notice of the departure from the Philippines of Canadian passengers.

The certificates or promises to pay received from Canadian nationals will be forwarded by the War Department to the State Department for reimbursement of the most of transportation.

As soon as reply has been received from General MacArthur, the State Department will be advised.

Sincerely yours,

(Sgd.) HENRY L. STIMSON

Secretary of War

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON

In reply refer to
SWP

March 3, 1945

My dear Mr. Secretary:

Attached is a copy of a note from the Canadian Ambassador guaranteeing costs of passage to the United States of Canadian nationals liberated in the Philippines, provided that such costs do not exceed \$275 per person and that the United States authorities obtain from each person a written promise to pay the entire costs of repatriation upon demand to the Canadian Government.

It should be observed that the Ambassador requests there be sent to him as early as possible and preferably in advance of embarkation, through not if it will be delayed thereby, a list showing the name, sex, age, condition of health and desired destination of each passenger. It has been explained to the Department that the purpose of this request is to avoid possible delay by immigration authorities of passengers whose onward transportation had not been arranged to their homes in Canada.

It will be appreciated if General MacArthur is requested by the War Department to acknowledge the receipt of this information and to inform you urgently for transmission to the Department whether or not additional funds will be required for financial assistance to Canadian nationals prior to their arrival at a United States port.

Sincerely yours,

Enclosure: (s) Joseph C. Grew
From Canadian Embassy.
Acting Secretary

The Honorable
Henry L. Stimson,
Secretary of War.

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The Canadian Ambassador presents his compliments to the Secretary of State and has the honour to refer to the proposed repatriation of liberated Canadian Nationals in the Philippine Islands via the United States and the financial considerations in connection therewith.

Mr. Pearson has the honour to inform the Secretary of State that the Canadian Government guarantees payment of passage money to the United States in an amount not exceeding Two Hundred and Seventy-five dollars per person. This guarantee is given on the condition that United States authorities will obtain, from each intending Canadian passenger for onward transmission to the Canadian Government through this Embassy, a written promise to repay the Canadian Government on demand the entire cost of repatriation.

Mr. Pearson would appreciate a list of intending Canadian passengers as early as possible, and preferably in advance of sailing if feasible without delaying embarkation by this request to permit arrangements for onward transportation. Such list should show name, sex, age, condition of health and desired destination of each passenger.

Canadian Embassy,

Washington, D. C.

March 1, 1945.

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Lt Col Rush - 72583 /nlg

OPD 383.7 (8 Mar 45)

General Welfare of Internees at or Near
Manila (Information Concerning)

13 March 1945

SUMMARY

1. In letter, dated 8 March 1945, the Acting Secretary of State, Mr. Grew, requested photostat list to date of liberated internees in the Philippine Island area, and copy of any list that may be received in the future.
2. By Staff Disposition Form, dated 12 March 1945, The Adjutant General was directed:
 - a. To supply Operations Division with a photostat copy of present internee list, Philippine Island area, and
 - b. In the future transmit to Operations Division photostat of any additional lists received from the Southwest Pacific Area.
3. It is recommended that the attached letter to the Secretary of State, inclosing requested photostat list, be forwarded to the Secretary of War for signature.

COORDINATION

4. Office of the Assistant Secretary of War (Colonel Gerhardt - Ext 4078).

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J. E. HULL
Major General, GSC
Assistant Chief of Staff, OPD

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WILLIAM O. DARBY
Colonel, GSC
Acting Ground Deputy, Theater Group, OPD



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OPD 383.7 (8 Mar 45)

MAR 14 1945

The Honorable
The Secretary of State
Dear Mr. Secretary:

I have your letter of 8 March 1945, in which you request a list containing the names of and data concerning recovered internees in the Philippine Island area.

I am inclosing herewith a photostat copy of the list you desire, giving the latest information received by the War Department. In the future, if additional lists are received from the Southwest Pacific Area, copies will be forwarded to you.

Sincerely yours,

(Sgd.) HENRY L. STIMSON
Secretary of War

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Maj. Taylor 6432

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Financing British Subjects in Philippines

3 March 1945

SUMMARY:

1. The attached draft reply to letter of 28 February from the Acting Secretary of State regarding financing British nationals in the Philippines states that a message is being dispatched to General MacArthur quoting the text of the British Embassy note (attached to letter of 28 Feb) guaranteeing repayment of advances made to British nationals for cost of passage to U.S., asking him to acknowledge receipt of the information, and requesting him to advise urgently if additional British funds will be requested.

2. It is recommended that the letter, attached, be signed and dispatched.

COORDINATION:

3. The message to General MacArthur has been coordinated with State, Interior and Treasury Departments, Office of the Fiscal Director, BOWD, OPD and OASW.

WM. C. CHAWLER, Colonel, GSC
Acting Director, Civil Affairs Div.

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MAR 5 - 1945

Honorable Joseph C. Grew
Acting Secretary of State
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I have your letter of 28 February transmitting a copy of a note from the British Embassy guaranteeing costs of passage for certain classes of British nationals liberated in the Philippines.

A message is being dispatched to General MacArthur, quoting the text of the British Embassy note and requesting that he advise urgently whether or not additional funds will be required for financial assistance to British nationals prior to their arrival at a United States port.

The certificates received from the British nationals will be forwarded by the War Department to the State Department for reimbursement of the cost of transportation of such British nationals.

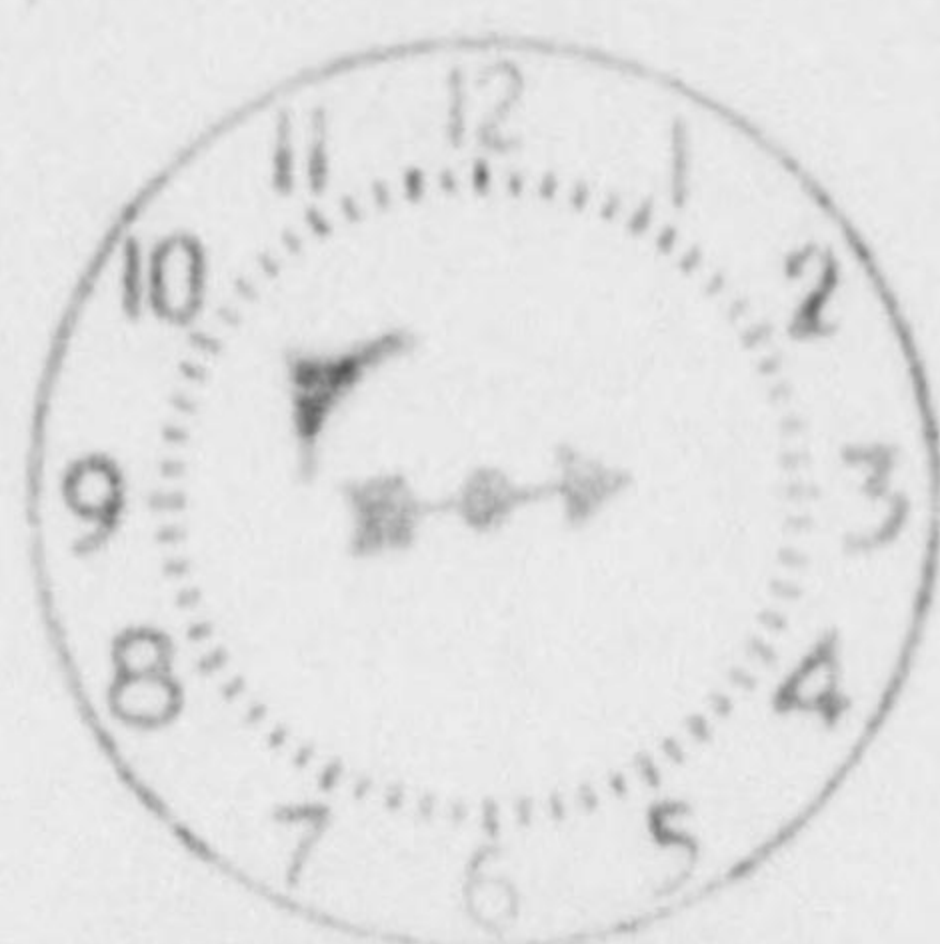
The State Department will be advised promptly when a reply has been received from General MacArthur.

Sincerely yours,

(Sgd.) HENRY L. STIMSON

Secretary of War

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
Washington

IN REPLY REFER
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February 28, 1945

My dear Mr. Secretary:

Attached is a copy of a note from the British Embassy guaranteeing costs of passage to the United States for United Kingdom nationals liberated by American military authorities in the Philippines. It will be observed that the cost of passage is specified as \$275 or less and that Army officials are requested to obtain from such nationals signed undertakings to repay in sterling on demand to the British Government the costs of their repatriation to the United Kingdom.

It will be appreciated if General MacArthur is requested by the War Department to acknowledge the receipt of this information and to inform you urgently for transmission to the Department whether or not additional funds will be required for financial assistance to British nationals prior to their arrival at a United States port.

Sincerely yours

(s) Joseph GREW
Acting Secretary

Enclosure

From British Embassy
February 26, 1945

The Honorable
Henry L. Stimson
Secretary of War

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His Majesty's Ambassador presents his compliments to the Acting Secretary of State and with reference to the repatriation of British subjects liberated by the United States Army in the Philippine Islands has the honour to inform him, on instructions from His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, that His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom will guarantee the refund to the United States Treasury of the passage money of these British subjects to a United States port on the understanding that General MacArthur will obtain from intending passengers, for eventual transmission to the Foreign Office, signed undertakings to repay in sterling on demand to His Majesty's Government the cost of their repatriation to the United Kingdom. Subject to the following observations the above-mentioned guarantee relates only to those British subjects who belong to the United Kingdom and who wish to come to the United Kingdom. It is understood that passage money to the United States will not exceed the sum of Two Hundred and Seventy-Five Dollars per head.

A guarantee in the same terms as for British subjects belonging to the United Kingdom can if necessary be given in respect of Indian British subjects, but Mr. Eden assumes that the repatriation of Indian British subjects would not normally be through the United States.

Colonial British subjects except those of Asiatic race may be repatriated by the United States authorities to the territories to which they belong and a guarantee of their passage money can if necessary be given in this case also.

BRITISH EMBASSY

WASHINGTON D.C.

February 26th, 1945

28 February 1945

MEMORANDUM FOR LIAISON SECTION, OPD:

Subject: Text of Message to be sent to
General MacArthur.

Mr. Frank P. Lockhart of the Department of State requests that the following message be sent by Army channels:

"Please report urgently whether building of Philippine Tourist Bureau, Legaspi Gardens, which housed American Consulate, is still standing and if so extent of damage if any. If those quarters are not available, is there any other suitable government or privately owned property which can be used to house Consulate?"

Request that Colonel Wise call and see Mr. Lockhart on his next trip to the State Department and suggest to Mr. Lockhart that hereafter requests of this nature be placed directly to the Liaison Section, OPD.

For the State-War-Navy Coordinating Committee:

C.W.M.

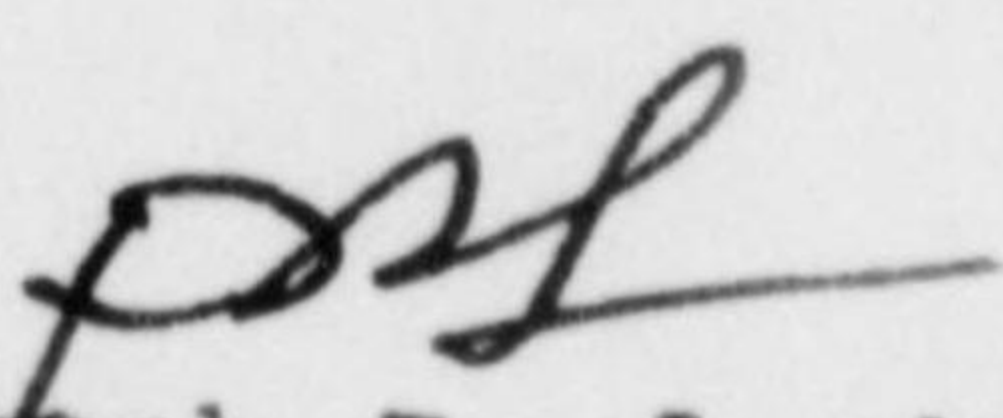
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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
DIVISION
OFFICE OF PHILIPPINE AFFAIRS

February 28, 1945

Text of message to be sent to General MacArthur

Please report urgently whether building of Philippine Tourist Bureau, Legaspi Gardens, which housed American Consulate, is still standing and if so extent of damage if any. If those quarters are not available, is there any other suitable government or privately owned property which can be used to house Consulate?


Frank P. Lockhart

PI:FPL:JAD

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The Honorable

The Secretary of State

Dear Mr Secretary:

I have your letter of 13 February 1945 concerning recovered internees in the Philippine area. Realizing the desirability of prompt release of the information to which you refer, several communications have passed between the War Department and the Commander in Chief, Southwest Pacific Area, on this subject.

Many communications listing names of recovered internees have been received in the War Department in the last few days and the next of kin have been or are being notified. Verifying lists are being sent here by air courier.

In a communication of 18 February 1945, General MacArthur has advised that up to 18 February 1945, names and data concerning 4,201 reliberated prisoners of war and civilian internees had been filed for transmission to the War Department by radio. However, since operational radio traffic would be practically paralyzed by radio transmission of this lengthy information, the list of names is being dispatched to the War Department by a general officer traveling by air. This officer is expected to arrive in Washington about 23 February 1945.

It is recognized that the recovery of persons heretofore held by the Japanese will be a continuing process and every effort will be made to notify promptly the next of kin in each case.

Sincerely yours,

(Sgd.) HENRY L. STIMSON

Secretary of War

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Honorable Joseph C. Crew
Acting Secretary
The Department of State
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I have your letter of 29 January concerning the pressure upon your Department for release of information concerning policy for repatriation and evacuation of United Nations nationals from the Philippines and referring to our exchange of correspondence of 20 November and 27 November on this subject.

General lines of policy established by the Commander-in-Chief, Southwest Pacific Area, as regards care and repatriation were set forth in his message of 30 January (CM-IN 29391) in reply to our inquiry of 17 January (CM-OUT 22518). Copies of these messages have been forwarded to the State Department. You will note that the policy is to provide for the welfare of United States and other United Nations citizens through immediate relief by the Army, assisted by the American Red Cross, pending repatriation. Plans further contemplate repatriation or evacuation as rapidly as military operations permit.

In the cable of 30 January, General MacArthur indicates that his plans are being completed, and, when any additional information is received, I will forward it to you.

Meanwhile, if you so desire, I shall be glad to cooperate with you in the preparation of a joint State-War press release or other appropriate form of public statement on this subject.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary of War

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Reply refer to

January 29, 1945

My dear Mr. Secretary:

I refer to your letter of November 27 answering this Department's of November 20, 1944 regarding a proposed policy for repatriation and evacuation of United Nations Nationals from the Philippines.

This Department is receiving an increasing number of inquiries from the public and from members of Congress on this subject and is consequently under considerable pressure to make statements which should not in the public interest be made until a definitive policy is agreed upon. I would accordingly be most grateful if you could at as early a date as possible give me some indication of the views which the War Department will adopt toward the proposed policy.

Sincerely yours,

(s) Joseph C. Grew

Acting Secretary

The Honorable

Henry L. Stimson,

Secretary of War.

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17 February 1945

STATE-WAR-NAVY COORDINATING COMMITTEE

CORRIGENDUM

TO

MINUTES OF THE 9th MEETING

Holders of Minutes of the 9th SWNCC meeting of 9 February 1945 are requested to make the following changes therein:

Page 1 - Delete Paragraph 2.

Page 3 - Delete sentence "It was determined, etc." starting on line 1 and ending with "by the Committee" on line 4.

WALLACE E. WHITSON
ALVIN F. RICHARDSON
RAYMOND E. COX
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1. Minutes of Seventh and Eighth Meetings.

The minutes of the seventh and eighth meetings were accepted without amendment.

2. United States Representation and Base Objectives with respect to the Philippines.

Mr. KANE raised for discussion the question of sending United States consular officers to the Philippines and the appointment of a United States commissioner. It was noted that General MacArthur desires that consulates be established as soon as the military situation permits and that the State Department is prepared to act in this regard as soon as notification is received from General MacArthur. Mr. KANE reported that the Secretary of War, with the concurrence of the War and Navy Departments, had recommended to the President that no commissioner be named as yet. Mr. KANE suggested that the question of our strategic objectives in the Philippines should be pressed, noting that the only question for negotiation is the matter of base sites since our right to bases is already the subject of agreement with the Philippine Government. Admiral WILLSON emphasized that the decision as to what specific bases we require should not be reached hurriedly but should be studied on the scene by a qualified board.

3. British Proposals with respect to Thailand (Agenda Item #1).

Mr. DUNN stated that the question before the committee was action upon the report of the Ad Hoc Committee for the Pacific and Far East on this subject (SWNCC 5/1). General HILLDRING introduced a suggested amendment to the report by addition of two paragraphs to the facts bearing on the problem, in order to include all necessary background in the report, and by resulting minor