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LEGAL SECTION, MANILA

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MEMORANDUM TO: Prosecution Section (Report No. 281)
THRU: Executive Officer, Legal Section, Manila
SUBJECT: Murder of twenty-nine civilians at Ranao-Pilayan,
Cotabato, Mindanao, P. I., on 7 June 1944.

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II. SUMMARY OF EVIDENCE:

On 6 June 1944 about three hundred Japanese soldiers accompanied by Philippine Constabulary and Moro troops entered Ranao-Pilayan, gathered the civilians and placed them in a poultry house for the night (R 1). On 7 June 1944, twenty of the prisoners were placed in one house while the rest in another house. The Japanese then bayoneted the victims and set the houses on fire (R 1, 5, 8). Screams were heard from the victims (R 1, 5, 6). Later some Chinese civilians, who had been notified of the killing, went to the place of execution and buried the remains of the victims (R 11).

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