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HAGUNOY UNIT, FAIT
NAME OF UNIT

SANCHO S. FRANCO

UNIT COMMANDING OFFICER

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1. Complaints
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G-3 Form No. 2	HEADQUARTERS PHILIPPINES-RYUKYUS COMMAND OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF, G-3 OFFICE RETAINED RECORD			Sequence No.
G-3 File No. GSCPU 091 FI	Date		15 March 48	
SUBJECT: Recognition, Request for			Type of Communication	
FROM : Mr. Sancho S. Franco			Letter	
FOR ACTION BY:			APPROVED	
(File Symbol Only) SUSPENSE DATE			Concurrences	
G S C P U			File Symbol	Date
1st Lt George E. Kemper				
Officer Taking Action (and initials)				
Policy	Non-Policy	Recommending Approval		
				MAR 17 1948
(File Symbol) (Action)			APPROVED	
TO:	FCR:			MAR 17 1948

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

Lt Col Wallace M Hanes:

1. Basic, letter from Mr. S. S. Franco to CG, PHILRYCOM, dtd 20 Feb 48, requesting recognition of an alleged guerrilla unit known as the Hagunoy Unit, FAIT.
2. A thorough search of the files of this headquarters fails to reveal a request for recognition of a unit under this name. Mr. Franco is so informed and is further informed of the D/L which prevents his request from being accepted.

George E. Kemper
1st Lt George E. Kemper

E. R. Curtis
Concur: Capt E. R. Curtis
Chief, Unit Branch

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HEADQUARTERS
PHILIPPINES-RYUKYU COMMAND
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL

GSCPI 201-

APO 707

Dear _____

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter, dated _____
in which you request _____

Individuals requesting recognition as guerrilla casualties are required to submit documentary evidence in so far as possible to substantiate each individual claim, so that proper consideration may be given by this headquarters.

Enclosed herewith is Guerrilla Affairs Division Form No. 2 in triplicate for accomplishment in accordance with attached instruction sheet and letter entitled, "Information Concerning Guerrilla Casualties."

It is suggested that your application be presented with this letter within sixty (60) days from the above date, either in person to the Guerrilla Affairs Division, G-3, this headquarters, located in Building No. T-711, Philippine University Area, Quezon City, or mailed to the Commanding General, PHILRYCOM, Attention: Guerrilla Affairs Division, APO 707, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, California.

Sincerely,

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1. Guerrilla Affairs Division Form #2, in triplicate
2. Instructions for Form #2
3. Information Concerning Guerrilla Casualties.

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HEADQUARTERS
PHILIPPINES-RYUKYU COMMAND

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AFG 707

Mr. Sancho S. Franco
Tagig, Misal
Philippines

18 MAR 1948

Dear Mr. Franco:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter, dated 20 February 1948, requesting recognition of a claimant guerrilla unit known as the Hagunay Unit, FAIT.

A thorough search of the files of this headquarters fails to reveal a request for recognition of a unit by this name. It is desired to inform you that a special press release from this headquarters, dated 1 February 1946, announced the closing date of 15 March 1946 for the acceptance by this headquarters of unit applications for recognition. Inasmuch as this closing date received wide dissemination throughout the Philippines by press, radio and municipal agencies, it is considered that all concerned had ample opportunity to prepare and submit unit applications prior to the announced closing date. Your request for recognition of the members of a unit known as the Hagunay Unit, FAIT, made in your letter of 20 February 1948, fails to comply with the closing date of 15 March 1946 and therefore cannot be accepted.

Sincerely,

R. E. CANTRELL
Capt. AGD
Asst Adj Gen

Lt Col Wallace M. Hanes:

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1st Lt George E. Kemper

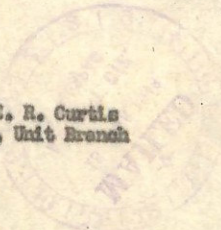
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BY

18 MAR 1978

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter, dated 10 January 1978, requesting recognition of a certain Communist Party name as the Communist Party, USA.

A thorough search of the files of this headquarters fails to reveal a request for recognition of a unit of this name. It is desired to inform you that a special press release from this headquarters, dated 1 January 1978, announced the closing date of 15 March 1978 for the acceptance of this headquarters of unit applications for recognition. Inasmuch as this closing date preceded this headquarters' receipt of the application for your unit, and inasmuch as the application was not received by this headquarters prior to the announced closing date, your request for recognition of the name of a unit known as the Communist Party, USA, fails in your favor. It is desired to advise you that the closing date of 15 March 1978 and therefore cannot be extended.

R. E. CAMPBELL
Capt
Asst Adj Gen



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FIL-AMERICAN IN-REGULAR TROOPS
 UNDER COLONEL HUGH STRAUGHN O-2515 COMMANDING

Feb. 20, 1948

Subject: Requesting Consideration for
 Recognition of Guerrilla Unit.
 To : Commanding General, PHILCOM, APO 707

I, Sancho S. Franco, 1st. Lt. of this unit and Company Commander of Maguoy unit. I and my men are all bona-fide guerrillas of the Fil-American that were first organized in October 1942 as per record of the organization.

I received my commission paper that was duly signed by Col. Hugh Straughn and James Atwell dated Feb. 1, 1948.

I have (72) men under my command and (30) of them were active and deserving guerrillas.

During Liberation we were attached to different units of the U. S. Army. We had rendered our services to them by different ways. We served as guide of the reconnaissance troops, carrying parties, patrol and watin guard duties in mapping up operation.

We also helped S/Sgt. Z. B. Zaltex of the Hq. Btry. C. 373 rd. A.A.A. in their works. We installed telephone wire from Nichols Field to our place where the searched light unit was stationed. I assigned some of my men in guarding this rear installation.

We caught one Japanese Officer alive by the name of Onawa. We surrendered him first to Lt. Paul L. Cook and then we were accompanied by Lt. Cook to the C.P. of Major Elmer C. Howard. Here we left the said Japanese officer for custody.

Here are the List of officers that we had rendered our services:

1. Major Elmer C. Howard, of the 3rd. Bn. Inf. of the Sicilian Task Force.
2. Capt. Shalrold of the Infantry.
3. 1st. Lt. Shepherd of the Infantry.
4. 2nd. Lt. Paul L. Cook, 075 para-glider, F.A.Bn. 11th. A/B. Division, APO468 (attached to the Infantry.)
5. Capt. Vicent Grave of the U.S.S. 4th. Air Depot Group of the Provost Marshall, Nichols Field.
6. Capt. Bullard and Sgt. E. Gilpin of the 672 Amphibious Tank Division, B. Co.

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We began our tour of duties last February 1945 to June 1945 respectively. We were not able to get certification from them because we don't know that it will be needed in the future for our recognition. Beside this we don't know that we will be rewarded for our services if we have certification.

We were also a part of the Pil-American (Straugh's) Troops out fit that was attached with the 38th. Division U.S.A. under Lt. Anthony Cancelosi, Guerrilla and Civil Affairs Officers of the 38th. Division at Marikina, Rizal.

We were used by the different units of the 38th. Div. as carrying parties to the front line.

As carrying parties we risked our life in climbing up the mountains with packed board of food stuff, water, coffee and other kind of sea ration on our back. We passed along the dangerous trail where enemies were hiding and we have no fire arms except for our guides, one on the front and one at the rear.

In this line ^{of} duty we never retreat because we know that soldiers in the front line will die of hunger and thirsty if they have nothing to eat and to drink. We considered our self as soldiers also in the front line because we did the duties of soldiers.

As carrying parties we were in grave situation rather than those soldiers who fights the enemies in the front line, because they have chance to kill and to be killed for they have fire arms.

Although we know that we were liable to be killed, we were not discourage and instead we double our efforts to continue until to the end.

This was not a mere story of my self, but this was real facts, bounded with truth for I can not manufactured these evidences from my mind if it does not really happened.

If due to the absence of certification, these will be disregarded and will not be acted upon, I will not have any bad impression against any body, but I thanked GOD, for we had survive our life from the past era, and we had done our duty as a true Filipino, in thought, in words and in deeds.

I am sending this plea not so much for my ^{own} account, but for my mens who stand to be deprived of due recognition and compensation.

Sancho S. Franco
SANCHO S. FRANCO
1st. Lt. INF.
Commanding, Maguncy unit

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TO	DATE	REMARKS
Units	FEB 27 1948	5- m/c
Sgt M	1/3/48	Status ——— ELL
Capt Curtis	3/2/48	Sir, No record in my file. I dig up in the record but couldn't locate the Subj Unit. — Jm
A Pierce	5/3/48	Can you shed any light on subject Unit? — ELL
Capt Curtis	5/3/48	No record ——— deb
A Komper	5/3/48	No record in Hagunoy Unit ——— ELL
Mrs M	13/3/48	T-10 ———
H Komper	15/3/48	1-8 ——— Jm
Col Harris	15/3/48	1 ——— ELL
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