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SEMINAR UNIT
NAME OF UNIT

FRANCISCO T. ROQUE
UNIT COMMANDING OFFICER

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1. Complaints
2. Investigating Officer's Notes
3. Request for Recognition ltr dtd 26 Jan '46, w/History & Pertinent papers
4. NFC ltr dtd 17 Jan '47, w/TLR

REMARKS:



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Lt. Peter R. Betts <i>P.R.B.</i>				
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Memorandum for Record:

- Col Lillard
1. The SEMiner Unit consisting of 11 members have been unfavorably considered. No members have previously been recognized.
 2. This unit does not fulfill the requirements of the five basic points for recognition. See attached Team Leaders Report.
 3. No useful purpose will be gained by further investigation of this unit.
 4. There are no members worthy of recognition and the unit suffered no casualties.

Peter R. Betts
 Lt. Peter R. Betts

1. Concur: Lt E. H. Burnett, Actg Chief Investigation Section
2. Concur, Lt Col S J Pales, Chief Unit Branch

HEADQUARTERS
PHILIPPINE LIBERTY COMMAND
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL
APO 707

OSCFU 091 PF/64

Mr. Francisco T. Roque
2 San Luis St.
San Juan, Rizal
Philippines

17 JAN 1947

Dear Mr. Roque:

The Commanding General has directed that you be informed that the Seminar Unit, purporting to be a guerrilla organization under your nominal control, is not favorably considered for recognition as an element of the Philippine Army.

A set of general requirements for guerrilla recognition, established by General MacArthur during the liberation of the Philippines, has been used as a guide in considering the record of this unit. After careful investigation and full consideration of all substantiating records and testimony of witnesses having pertinent knowledge, recognition of this guerrilla unit is not deemed to be warranted because of reasons mentioned below:

- a. Record of service was not substantiated by sufficient acceptable evidence.
- b. The unit was not maintained satisfactorily in the field in opposition to the enemy.
- c. Activities of the unit did not contribute materially to the eventual defeat of the enemy.
- d. A definite organization was not established.
- e. Adequate records were not maintained (names, ranks, dates of enlistment or joining, dates of promotions, and necessary related information).
- f. Members of the unit did not devote their entire effort to military activities in the field to the exclusion of normal civilian occupation and family obligations.

It is requested that you comply with the provisions of Executive Order No. 68, by the President of the Philippines, dated 26 September 1945, copy attached.

Sincerely yours,

R. E. CANTRELL

Captain, A. G. D.

Assistant Adjutant General

1 Incl.
Executive Order No. 68,
dated 26 Sept. 45



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PHILIPPINES-RYUKYUS COMMAND

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SUBJECT:

(1) FROM:

TO:

Lt Betts

Col Lillard

1. Attached hereto for approval are the following drafts on the Seminar Unit.

- a. Proposed M/R
- b. Letter of non-recognition
- c. Team Leader's Report
- d. Supporting Evidence

PRB (H/B)

P R Betts
2nd Lt., Inf

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SEMINAR UNIT

1. Request for Recognition received 28 Jan 1946.

2. ALLEGED HISTORY:
(See attached Unit file)

3. FINDINGS:

a. Record of service was not substantiated by sufficient acceptable evidence as the unit possessed no papers other than a roster and Short History.
b. Unit was not maintained satisfactorily in the field as the members lived at home.

c. Activities did not contribute materially to the eventual defeat of the enemy for the main activity of this unit was to discuss news broadcasts and then disseminate news to the people in their area. No active resistance against the enemy was ever had.

d. Adequate records of dates of enlistment, ranks, promotions, duties or other related information were not maintained.

e. Members of the unit did not devote any efforts to military activities. No weapons were possessed and actively fighting the enemy never appears to have entered into the leader's mind. The members carried on their civilian pursuits.

4. POLITICAL ASPECTS:

This unit appears to have no political affiliations or aspirations.

5. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Seminar Unit be not favorably considered for recognition. No useful purpose will be gained by further investigation of this unit.

Henry H. Burnett
1st Lt. Inf.
Actg. Chief Unit Inv. Sect.

for 2nd Lt. Peter H. Betts

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No. 2 San Luis St.
San Juan, Rizal
January 26, 1946

SUBJECT: Request for Recognition

TO: The Commanding General, AFWESPAC, APO 707
(Attn: Guerrilla Affairs Section)

1. Request that the SEMINAR be recognized as a regularly recognized guerrilla unit which had undertaken active resistance work against the enemy during the Japanese occupation of the Philippines from 9 April, 1942.

2. The pertinent facts concerning the Seminar unit are hereby submitted:

A. Name of unit: SEMINAR

B. Name and Address of Commanding Officer:

Dr. Francisco T. Roque, 2 San Luis St., San Juan, Rizal

C. History of Unit:

The history of the SEMINAR was closely linked with the military activity of its leader, 1st Lt Francisco T. Roque, MC PA (Res). At the outbreak of the war on 8 Dec 1941, Lt. F.T. Roque was an instructor in the Dept. of Physiology and Biochemistry, College of Medicine, Univ. of the Philippines in Manila. He volunteered to Col. Victoriano Luna, Chief Medical Service, PA and was inducted into the United States Armed Forces in the Far East on 19 Dec 1941, at the same time when the personnel of the Headquarters PA were inducted by Col. Marshall, USA. Lt Roque was left in Manila when the unit to which he was attached departed for Bataan. On 2 Jan 1942, Lt Roque returned to his former civilian job in the College of Medicine, U.P., in order to hide his identity as an army officer from the Japanese when the enemy entered Manila.

Early in 1942, Prof. Vishnu D. Gokhale of the Dept. of Mathematics, U.P., went to see Lt Roque. Being intimate friends of long standing, they discussed in what way Prof. Gokhale could help in the fight against the Japanese. Prof. Gokhale convinced Lt Roque that the former, with his knowledge of mathematics, could be of technical use to the USAFFE in Bataan. He joined in Lt Roque's plan to go to Bataan. Together they made two attempts to reach Bataan. Both attempts were unsuccessful because of the strict Japanese patrolling of the Manila Bay Shore line. Then Bataan, and later, Corregidor, fell. The desire to resist the enemy, however, remained as strong as ever.

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About this time, the Japanese propaganda machine had unleashed its work of distributing news depicting the war situation in the worst light to the allied cause, Proclamations prohibiting the people from listening to news broadcast from abroad were issued by the Japanese. These proclamations in a way, became the cause and the inspiration for the organization of the Seminar group.

Upon the surrender of the USAFFE in Bataan, Lt Roque and Prof. V. D. Gokhale conceived of a plan to counteract the work of the pernicious Japanese propaganda machine which controlled the notorious Manila Tribune and the local radio broadcasting stations. Because Lt Roque owned a powerful radio receiver, the task of listening to shortwave news broadcast from abroad fell upon him. The propagation of the news was the big problem. A consultation with Prof. Emilio Bulatao, Chief of the Dept. of Physiology and Biochemistry, College of Medicine, U.P. resulted in his consenting to the use of his office as headquarters for the dissemination of news by conducting the "seminars" there.

What were the seminars? They were the daily meetings of a group of individuals sworn and pledged to disseminate war news. In the seminars, Lt Roque recited the short wave war news as broadcast by San Francisco, London and Australia radios to which he listened the night before. A systematic study of the progress of the war with the aid of maps and discussion of the war situation followed the recital of the news. The task of narrating the news to others fell upon each member. In this manner, we were confident that the news as well as the true situation of the war would spread to many people through our friends.

The seminars continued every day from the fall of Bataan in April 1942 to late September 1944. In spite of the orders and proclamations of the enemy, the leader of the seminar unit did not surrender his radio for "reconditioning". The seminars were discontinued when as a result of the American air attacks on Manila and Luzon beginning 21 Sept 1944, the leader evacuated to Pampanga and to be soon followed by other members who also evacuated from Manila for safety.

N.B. Lt F.T. Roque joined the American forces of liberation and was attached to PCAU 1 on 2 Feb 1945, which unit arrived in Manila on 5 Feb 1945. He was released by PCAU 1 on 9 April 1945 when he reported and was processed in Camp Murphy, Rizal. His failure to reach Bataan was declared "justified" by the Absentee Status Board on 22 Dec 1945. The Loyalty Status Board before which he appeared on 26 Dec 1945 has not yet released its decision. At present he is awaiting discharge from the USAFFE at the 6th Repl Co 3rd Repl Bn PA, Camp Murphy, Rizal.

D. Activities of Unit:

(1) Daily discussions of the progress of the war.

This followed Dr. Roque's reports of the broadcasts. These reports were based on notes, often stenographic, made during the broadcasts. Besides the individually-owned atlases members of the group used the more detailed maps in the University library. This task was specifically assigned to one member of the group. These maps proved to be of great help, both in getting a clear picture of the day to day war situation as well as in exposing Japanese propaganda in the local papers. The columns of these papers were always full of Axis victories. We were able to show our friends that the scenes of these "victories" were getting in the European theatre, nearer and nearer to Germany, and in Asia, nearer and nearer to the Philippines.

(2) Dissemination of news

This work was done individually. For reasons of security, members did not apprise each other of the people to whom they were given news. Besides oral propaganda, weekly news summaries were typewritten and distributed to trusted friends. Naturally, this work primarily covered the faculty and students of the University of the Philippines. However, because of the personal contact of some members of the group, outsiders and occasionally even some combatant guerilla units got the benefit of the weekly news sheets.

E. Roster of members of unit:

The following individuals were the members of the Seminar:

- (1) X DR. FRANCISCO T. ROQUE, M.D. Rush Medical College, University of Chicago; Instructor, Physiology and Biochemistry, College of Medicine, U.P.; at present 1st Lt MC PA (USAFPE) attached and unassigned at 6th Repl Co 3rd Repl Bn APO 75, Camp Murphy, Rizal and awaiting discharge; Civilian address, #2 San Luis St., San Juan, Rizal.
- (2) X DR. VISHNU D. GOKHALE, born in India, a naturalized Filipino citizen; M.A. Univ. of Bombay; Ph.D. Univ. of Chicago; at present Professor of Mathematics, U.P.
- (3) X HON. JOSE GUTIERREZ DAVID, lawyer and member of the Philippine Judiciary since 1936; at present Judge of the Court of First Instance of Manila, Branch No. 2, Central Hotel, Manila.

Roster of members (continued)

- (4) Dr. EMILIO BULATAO, M.D. Univ. of the Phil.; graduate work in the Univ. of Chicago, Harvard University and University of London; at present Professor and Head, Dept. of Physiology and Biochemistry, College of Medicine, U.P.
- (5) Dr. NARCISO CORDERO, M.D. Univ. of the Phil.; graduate work in Washington University, St. Louis, Mo., University of Chicago and Cambridge University, Eng.; at present, Associate Professor of Biochemistry, College of Medicine, U.P.
- (6) Dr. WENCESLAO PASCUAL, M.D. Univ. of the Phil.; graduate work in Harvard University and Cambridge Univ. England; at present, Asst. Prof. of Physiology, Col. of Medicine, U.P.
- (7) Dr. SOLITA CAMARA-BESA, M.D. Univ. of the Phil.; graduate work, Univ. of Michigan; Instructor of Biochemistry, Col. of Medicine, U.P. and presently working at the 19th Gen. Med. Lab. U.S. Army.
- (8) Dr. JESUS B. NOLASCO, M.D. Univ. of the Phil.; at present Instructor of Physiology and Biochemistry, Col. of Medicine, U.P.
- (9) Dr. JOSE D. RODRIGUEZ, D.D.S. Univ. of the Phil.; Instructor, School of Dentistry, U.P.; at present Capt. DC PA (USAFPE) assigned 1st Gen. Hosp. PA.
- (10) Atty. BENEDICTO T. ROQUE, LL.B. Phil. Law School; member of the Philippine Bar; at present 1st Lt Inf PA (USAFPE) assigned Commanding Officer, 151st MP Co PA APO 75, Camp Murphy, Rizal.
- (11) Mr. DELFIN D. SAMSON, B.S. Univ. of the Phil.; at present Instructor of Biochemistry, College of Medicine, U.P.

F. Documentary Proof of Activity:

- (1) During the liberation of Manila in Feb. 1945, the residence of Dr. F.T. Roque at 917 Florida St., Malate was destroyed by fire. The copies of the stenographic notes of the news which were kept there were burned. In the same manner, the maps and other paraphernalia which were kept hidden in the Dept. of Physiology and Biochemistry, College of Medicine, U.P. were destroyed.

(2) As proof of activity of the Seminar, resort was made to secure the sworn statements of individuals who received news from the members. Herewith, the sworn statements of some of these individuals, properly marked, are presented:

- Exhibit A - The Affidavit of Mr. Manuel Elizalde, President, Elizalde & Co., Manila
- Exhibit B - The Affidavit of Dr. Jose M. Barcelona, Instructor in Medicine, College of Medicine, U.P.
- Exhibit C - The Affidavit of Mr. Manuel S. Rustia, engaged in Import-Export business, Filipinas Bldg., Manila
- Exhibit D - The Affidavit of Prof. Alfredo Santos, Secretary, College of Pharmacy, U.P.
- Exhibit E - The Affidavit of Mr. Silvestre M. Punsalan, a practicing lawyer, Filipinas Bldg., Manila
- Exhibit F - The Affidavit of Mr. Engracio Abasolo, Asst. Fiscal, City of Manila.
- Exhibit G - The Affidavit of Dr. Augusto ~~Besa~~, physician, at No 6-B, Psychopatic Compound, Mandaluyong, Rizal.
- Exhibit H - The Affidavit of Mr. Gregorio Lazaro of 245 Moriones, Tondo, Manila.
- Exhibit I - The Affidavit of Mr. Deogracias Rodil, Asst. Instructor in Physical Education, U.P.
- Exhibit J - The Affidavit of Dr. Tomas M. Gan and Dr. Manuel Y. Matias, Acting Director and Instructor, respectively, Institute of Hygiene, U.P.
- Exhibit K - The Affidavit of Dr. Arturo C. Reyes, Instructor, Institute of Hygiene, U.P.
- Exhibit L - The Affidavit of Mr. Francisco V. Bautista and Mr. Alfredo de Ocampo, Supervising Teacher and Teacher respectively, of Angono, Rizal.
- Exhibit M - The Affidavit of Agustin L. Zarate, Major DC PA, assigned at the 1st Gen. Hosp. PA.

Francisco T. Roque
FRANCISCO T. ROQUE
COMMANDING OFFICER
SEMINAR UNIT

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EXHIBIT - 'A'

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA }
COMMONWEALTH OF THE PHILIPPINES } S S
CITY OF MANILA }

A F F I D A V I T

I, MANUEL ELIZALDE, a Filipino citizen, of legal age, married and presently the President, Elizalde & Co., Manila after being duly sworn to in accordance with law, depose and say:

1. That sometime in 1942 during the Japanese occupation I played tennis in the Philippine Columbian Club, Manila with Dr. Francisco T. Roque, who was then a member of the ~~the~~ faculty, College of Medicine, Univ. of the Philippines. During this association, I learned that Dr. Roque had strong anti-Japanese sentiments which I shared unequivocally.

2. That on or about September 1942, having gained the confidence of Dr. Roque, he began to talk about the war with me. From then on, I became the recipient of the latest war news which Dr. Roque heard from radio broadcasts in London, San Francisco and Australia. Our discussion of war news became a matter of routine after the tennis games which we had regularly four or five times a week. This activity lasted until 5 Feb 1944, when the Japanese arrested me and confined me in Fort Santiago.

3. That on 27 May 1944, I was released from imprisonment at Fort Santiago. A few days later, Dr. Roque visited in my house and immediately bolstered my morale by posting me with the latest war news. I cautioned him of this dangerous activity because I had just gone through the Japanese version of "hell" in Fort Santiago. Nevertheless, Dr. Roque kept on and gave the war news regularly as before my imprisonment, until 4 Aug 1944, when by order of the Japanese I went to live in Baguio because I was declared an "undesireable citizen" of Manila.

4. That I ^{the} consider Dr. Roque as/best informed individual regarding the war situation during the Japanese occupation and I admire him for his patriotism and courage in disseminating his dangerous information to others.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT:

IN TRUTH OF ALL the foregoing, I hereby affix my signature this 11 day of January 1946, in the city of Manila.


MANUEL ELIZALDE

WITNESS:

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this 11 day of January 1946 in the city of Manila.

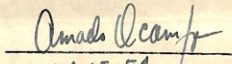

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EXHIBIT- "B"

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
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CITY OF MANILA

A F F I D A V I T

I, JOSE BARCELONA, filipino, of legal age, married and at present Instructor in Medicine, College of Medicine, University of the Philippines, Manila under oath, depose and say:

1. That I have knowand been a close friend of Dr. Francisco T. Roque in the last ten years. On account of this I knew of his activity of listening to radio broadcasts from abroad during the Japanese occupation, which he started to do almost fanatically after the fall of Bataan in April, 1942.

2. That I had benefited from Dr. Roque's activity of listening to radio short wave news because I had very often visited him in his office in the Dept. of Physiology and Biochemistry, College of Medicine, U.P. in order to obtain the latest news of the war from him. In a few of these visits I had occasions to sit in the "seminars" which were conducted by Dr. Roque. These seminars were discussions of war news.

3. That on two different occasions, Dr. Roque had also shown me copies of the FREE PHILIPPINES magazine, issued in 1944 which he said he obtained from some secret source. From these activities of Dr. Roque, I have nothing but words of praise for his courage and patriotism.

Further Affiant sayeth not:

IN TRUTH OF ALL the foregoing, I hereby affix my signature this 9th day of January 1946, in the city of Manila.

Jose M. Barcelona
JOSE BARCELONA, M.D.

WITNESS:

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this 9th day of January 1946, in the City of Manila.

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EXHIBIT - "C"

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)
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A F F I D A V I T

I, MANUEL S. RUSTIA, Filipino, of legal age, married and presently engaged in Import-Export business at Room 405 Filipinas Bldg. Manila, after being duly sworn to in accordance with law, depose and say:

1. That soon after my assumption of duty in May 1942 as Executive Officer, University of the Philippines, I learned of the "seminars" in the Dept. of Physiology and Biochemistry, College of Medicine, U.P. From Dr. Francisco T. Roque, an instructor in that department, I learned that he was the leader of the said "seminars". Much as I wanted to sit in them in order to keep posted with the general war situation, I could not do so because of a conflict in time.

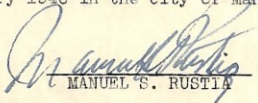
2. That instead, Dr. F.T. Roque agreed to give the short wave war news, which he recited in the seminars, to me at lunch when we ate together. We did this routinely three times a week from June 1942 to September 1944, when Dr. Roque decided to evacuate from Manila to live in Pampanga.

3. That I am deeply indebted to Dr. F. T. Roque for the invaluable service he rendered to me in maintaining my morale with the latest war news and admire him for his courage in undertaking counter-propaganda work which if discovered by the enemy meant certain death.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT:

IN TRUTH OF ALL the foregoing, I hereby affix my signature this 8th day of January 1946 in the city of Manila.

WITNESSES


MANUEL S. RUSTIA

WITNESS:

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this 8th day of January 1946 in the city of Manila.

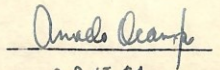

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EXHIBIT-D

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA }
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CITY OF MANILA }

A F F I D A V I T

I, Alfredo Santos, of legal age, married, Professor of Pharmaceutical Chemistry and Secretary of the College of Pharmacy, University of the Philippines, after being duly sworn to in accordance with law, depose and say:

1. That Dr. Narciso Cordero, associate professor of Biochemistry and I, used to meet frequently officially and otherwise in the Medical Annex Building where both our offices were located prior to the Reoccupation;

2. That during the early part of 1942, we used to compare war news picked up at random during our chance meetings in the corridors and hallways;

3. That after the first few chance meetings and having been convinced that Dr. Cordero's news were reliably detailed and accurate and dangerous for our safety, I decided to have our meetings more regular and in the privacy of his or my office;

4. That in the course of time, I have been able, on and off to procure news from others and from my own sources and this made our meetings more interesting since we could verify good news and discard false rumors;

5. That I transmitted this news to my family and to trustworthy neighbors, especially to Lieutenant Emilio Zerrudo, who found great encouragement and relief during the dark days of 1942 with its series of military defeats up to the hunger days toward the latter part of 1944, when the Japanese overbearing conduct reached its climax;

6. That as a result of these activities, I have been once called for questioning by a Mr. Hirayama, with offices at the Taiwan Bank, who warned me to refrain from talking about the war any time, anywhere. He further wanted to know my connections with my neighbor, Lieutenant Zerrudo;

7. That immediately after my being questioned, I warned Lieutenant Zerrudo, who was thus able to dispose of his papers before the Japanese came several days later;

8. That the continued contact with Dr. Cordero helped me in deciding when to move my family out of Manila, away from possible scenes of fighting.

Further Affiant sayeth not.

In truth of all the foregoing, I hereby affix my signature this 26th day of January, 1946, in the City of Manila. *AS*

Alfredo C. Santos

ALFREDO SANTOS
Professor of Pharmaceutical Chemistry and
Secretary of the College of Pharmacy, U.P.

Witness:

Rancinio Valenzuela

Juanito B. Abcede



Subscribed and sworn to before me this 26th day of January, 1946,
Dr. Alfredo Santos having exhibited his R. C. No. A 44358 dated
January 18, 1946 issued in Manila.

*Int No. 15, Page 22;
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[Signature]

Notary Public

EXHIBIT- "E"

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
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CITY OF MANILA

A F F I D A V I T

I, SILVESTRE M. PUNSALAN, filipino, of legal age, married and at present a practicing attorney, with office at the Filipinas Bldg., Manila under oath, depose and say:

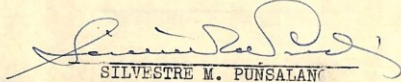
1. That sometime in May 1942, I visited my very good friend, Atty. Benedicto T Roque in his residence in Malate, Manila. In this visit, I learned that he was very well informed of the current war situation, because he was listening regularly to the short wave news broadcast from the United States and Australia.

2. That because of my own interest in the progress of the war, I made arrangements with Atty. Roque so I would continue to visit him that he could inform me of the current news. I had to do this for I did not have facilities to obtain short wave news because my radio was "reconditioned" by the Japanese. I made these visits several times a week until September 21, 1944, when I had to stop because of the American air attacks, it became unsafe to travel even inside the city of Manila.

3. That because of the information which I obtained from Atty Roque, I can say that not only my own morale was maintained but also that of my many friends to whom I had passed on the war news.

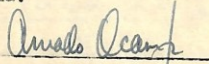
FURTHER AFFIANT sayeth not:

IN TRUTH OF ALL the foregoing, I hereby affix my signature this 8th day of January 1946, in the City of Manila.


SILVESTRE M. PUNSALAN

WITNESS:

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this 8th day of January 1946, in the City of Manila.


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EXHIBIT - P
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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)
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CITY OF MANILA)

A F F I D A V I T

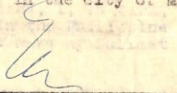
I, ENGRACIO ABASOLO, filipino, of legal age, married and at present ~~Asst.~~ Asst. City Fiscal, City of Manila, under oath depose and say:

1. That in August 1942, during the Japanese occupation, I had the good fortune of being served by Atty. Benedicto T. Roque in his kindness to visit me in my house at least once a week, in order to narrate to me the current war news obtained from short wave radio broadcasts from abroad. He made these visits regularly for more than two years until September 1944 when he evacuated from Manila to live in the province.

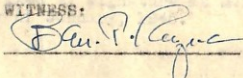
2. That the information which I obtained from Atty. B.T. Roque had bolstered my spirit to resist the enemy propaganda especially at a time when one could not read anything ~~in~~ the newspapers except the perennial "triumph" of the Japanese Imperial Forces. I must say that Atty Roque's zeal in disseminating the war news was contagious for in each instance after he told me the news, I had to seek my own friends to whom I retold the very news he gave to me.

FURTHER AFFIANT saith not:

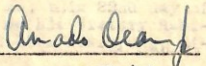
IN TRUTH OF ALL the foregoing, I hereby affix my signature this 10th day of January 1946, in the city of Manila.


ENGRACIO ABASOLO

WITNESS:


Benito P. Roque

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this 10th day of January 1946, in the city of Manila.


Anacleto
20 LT. PA
24, 1946

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EXHIBIT - "G"

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
COMMONWEALTH OF THE PHILIPPINES } S.S.
CITY OF MANILA }

I, JOSEFO BESA, Filipino, of legal age, physician, married, a resident of, and with postal address at Cottage No. 6-B, Psychiatric Compound, Mandaluyong, Rizal, Philippines, after being duly sworn according to law, depose and say:

That I am the husband of Mrs. Solita Guevara-Besa and being so, I used to receive from her confidential war news as will be related hereinbelow, to-wit:

a - That by said wife, Mrs. Solita Guevara-Besa in a number of an organized underground movement against the Japanese;

b - That during the Japanese occupation, i.e., from May, 1942 to December, 1944, she supplied me regularly, sometimes twice a week, and at other times, thrice a week, with war news broadcasted from allied quarters, which news she used to receive from political groups;

c - That being her husband, I am her sole confidante in highly delicate matters such as these;

d - That once I have had the news, I, in turn, relayed the same to my other friends in the Philippine General Hospital, Manila, in whom I have my fullest trust and confidence.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my signature at Manila, Philippines, this 22nd day of January, 1946.

August Besa
JOSEFO BESA, HUSB.

Subscribed AND SWORN TO, before me, this 22nd day of January, 1946. Affiant exhibited to me his Victory Residence Certificate No. 2-247757 issued at Mandaluyong, Rizal, on January 14, 1946.

[Signature]
Notary Public
Until December 31st 1946.

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EXHIBIT- "H"

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A F F I D A V I T

I, Gregorio Lazaro, of legal age, married, Filipino, and residing at 245 Moriones, Tondo, Manila after being duly sworn to according to law, hereby depose and say:

1. That Dr. Jesus B. Nolasco and his family moved into a house which I own sometime in May, 1942 and is still living there at 243 Moriones.
2. That in the years 1943 and 1944, I used to receive from said Dr. Nolasco, from time to time, war news said to have been obtained from Allied sources.
3. That knowing Dr. Nolasco, I have regarded his statements as true and accurate.
4. That the information I have obtained from him often had boosted the morale of my family and my own especially when he refuted claims made by the Japanese in "The Tribune" as regards results achieved in the battles of the Southwest Pacific.

Further affiant sayeth not.

In truth of all the foregoing, I hereby affix my signature this 7th day of January, 1946 in the City of Manila.

Gregorio Lazaro
Gregorio Lazaro

Witness: Stenciano R. Bautista

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 26 day of January, 1946, affiant having exhibited his residence certificate No. A 51199 dated April 12, 1945 and issued in Manila.

Notary Public
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EXHIBIT- "I"

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A F F I D A V I T

I, Deogracias Rodil, of legal age, single, Filipino and Assistant Instructor in Physical Education in the University of the Philippines after being sworn according to law, hereby depose and say:

1. That Dr. Jesus B. Nolasco was working as a member of the faculty of the Department of Physiology and Biochemistry, College of Medicine, University of the Philippines during the Japanese occupation of the Islands.
2. That I frequently paid him a visit in his office at the Medical Annex building on Herran street while he was thus employed.
3. That the primary purpose of such visits of mine was to obtain from him an account of news and broadcasts from Allied stations.
4. That such accounts made by Dr. Nolasco were frequently supplemented by his pointing to geographical places mentioned in the news on the maps which were kept in the Department.
5. That such news as received from Dr. Nolasco had given me a clear picture of the progress of the war and strengthened my belief in the ultimate victory of the American forces.

Further AFFIANT sayeth not.

In truth of all the foregoing, I hereby affix my signature this 26 th day of January, 1946 in the City of Manila.

Deogracias Rodil
Deogracias Rodil

Witness: Conrado Reyes

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 26 day of January, 1946, affiant exhibiting his residence certificate number A 51109 dated April 11, 1945 and issued in Manila.

John L. Ponce
Notary Public
Comm. Dec. 31, 1946.
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EXHIBIT - "J"

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)
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CITY OF MANILA)

A F F I D A V I T

We, Tomas M. Gan and Mamel Y. Matias, of legal age, married, Acting Director and Instructor respectively, of the Institute of Hygiene, University of the Philippines, after being duly sworn in accordance with law, depose and say:

1. That during the Japanese occupation of the Philippines or specifically between April, 1942 to September, 1944, we have, from time to time received war news purportedly from Allied sources from Dr. Jesus B. Nolaseo of the Department of Physiology and Biochemistry, College of Medicine, University of the Philippines.
2. That Dr. Nolaseo had often supplemented his verbal statements with pointing on the maps in our offices the locations of geographical places mentioned in the news.
3. That we have known Dr. Nolaseo for at least two years prior to the outbreak of the Pacific War and we believe in the veracity and accuracy of his statements.
4. That the news we received from him have contributed to the boosting of our morale during those days.

Further AFFIANTS sayeth not.

In truth of all the foregoing, we hereby affix our signatures this 15 th day of January, 1946 in the City of Manila.

Tomas M. Gan
Tomas M. Gan
Acting Director, Institute of Hygiene

Mamel Y. Matias
Mamel Y. Matias
Instructor

Witnesses:

Victor C. Valenzuela
Marino Lopez Jr.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 566 th day of January, 1946, Dr. Gan having exhibited his residence certificate No. A-0493810 dated May 11, 1945 issued in Alabang, Laguna and Dr. Matias his residence certificate No. A-0911927 dated Oct. 16, 1945 and issued in Quezon.



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Alfonso S. Goyos
Notary Public
Manila December 31, 1946

EXHIBIT - "K"

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA }
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A F F I D A V I T

I, Arturo C. Reyes, of legal age, married, Instructor in the Institute of Hygiene, University of the Philippines, after being duly sworn ~~to~~ in accordance with law, depose and say:

1. That between April, 1942 and September, 1944, I have from time to time, at least once a week, received from Dr. Jesus B. Nolasco of the Department of Physiology and Biochemistry, College of Medicine, U. P., war news as broadcasted by Allied sources.
2. That the said Dr. Nolasco had often pointed to me in maps contained in an atlas, geographical places referred to in such broadcasts.
3. That I have in certain instances loaned to him copies of the Free Philippines and news pamphlets of President Quezon's Own Guerillas for his own reading and possibly showing to persons in his trust.
4. That these acts mentioned above, though dangerous, have invariably heightened my morale during those days of the Japanese occupation.

Further AFFIANT sayeth not.

In truth of all the foregoing, I hereby affix my signature this 7th day of January, 1946 in the City of Manila.

Arturo C. Reyes
Arturo C. Reyes

Witness: R. Cuevana

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 26 day of January, 1946, Affiant having shown me his residence certificate No. A38970 dated April 4, 1945 issued in Manila.

Henry S. Jorgensen
Notary Public
My commission expires Dec. 31, 1946



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EXHIBIT - "L"

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A F F I D A V I T

We, Francisco V. Bautista and Alfredo de Ocampo, of legal age, married, Supervising Teacher (Binangonan District: Angono, Binangonan and Cardona) and Teacher (Angono Elementary School) respectively, after being duly sworn to in accordance with law, depose and say:

1. That during the Jap occupation of the Philippines, specifically between April, 1942 to November, 1944, ^{and} have, from time to time received war news purportedly from Allied sources through Mr. Delfin D. Samson, a friend and member of the faculty of the Department of Physiology and Biochemistry, College of Medicine University of the Philippines.
2. That we have known Mr. Samson both as Pharmacist and Instructor for at least sixteen years and we believe in the veracity and accuracy of his "transmit" of news.
3. That the news we received from him during the period have greatly boosted our morale, those of our co-teachers, families and friends.



Further AFFIDAVANTS sayeth not.

In truth of all the foregoing, we hereby affix our signatures this 20th day of January, 1946 in the Municipality of Angono, Province of Rizal.

Francisco V. Bautista
FRANCISCO V. BAUTISTA

Supervising Teacher: Binangonan District

Alfredo de Ocampo
ALFREDO DE OCAMPO

Teacher: Angono Elementary School



Subscribed and sworn to before me this 25th day of January, 1946, Mr. Bautista having exhibited his residence certificate No. P-246877 dated Jan. 16, 1946 issued in Angono, Rizal and Mr. Ocampo his residence certificate No. 0210470 dated May 19, 1946 issued in Angono, Rizal

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EXHIBIT - "M"

A F F I D A V I T

I, AGUSTIN L. ZARATE, of legal age, resident of Manila and a Commissioned Officer in the Regular Force, Philippine Army, after having been duly sworn in accordance with law depose and say:

That I know personally Captain JOSE D. RODRIGUEZ since 1928 while still a student in the School of Dentistry, U.P.;

That I know same Captain JOSE D. RODRIGUEZ taught in said School from 1942 to early January 1945;

That during the Japanese occupation I had been in frequent meetings with Captain JOSE D. RODRIGUEZ as early as January 1943 up to late December 1944, as after as one or twice a week;

That during these meetings I had the opportunity to exchange views about the news broadcast he receives and the news broadcast that I also hear, from America;

That after our discussions on the news, he used to hand me a typewritten copy of the news he received that we have discussed;

That we trusted each other and made a promise that whoever will be caught or picked by Jap spies or Jap MP, no one will tell the source of such news;

Further the affiant sayeth not.

Agustin L. Zarate
AGUSTIN L. ZARATE
Major, DC
ASN-O-1344

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 25 day of Jan 1946
at Mandaluyong, Rizal.

Genaro M. Ong
GENARO M. ONG
Major, DC
Adjutant

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