

PHILIPPINE
PROJECT—
HUKBALAHAPS,
1943-1945

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA

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File No.:

Subject:

From: C.W.

To: C-in-C

Date: 20 February 1945

1. Herewith for your information are the following documents just received:

a. Brief on the Hukbalahap situation with appeal for U.S. Army investigation and protection filed by Mr. A. Bustos Zabada, lawyer who, while you were in Dagupan, advocated the recognition of a regiment formed behind our lines; and

b. Letter from Bonifacio Dizon again urging the utilization of his regiment, and reporting in turn on the Hukbalahap situation.

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Bustos and Dizon arrived together at this headquarters to present their respective petitions.

3. Recommend:

a. That the letter to President Osmena be referred without comment. *Yes*

b. That the brief of Bustos be made a matter of record without further action thereon at this time. *Yes*

c. That to effect proper control of the carrying of arms by lawless elements, not accredited to the Philippine Army, Constabulary or duly constituted local police forces, a proclamation be issued by you, after the establishment of your headquarters in Manila, couched in language somewhat as follows: *No*



"The Central Luzon Plain and the City of Manila having been liberated from enemy occupation and being now under firm control of our regular forces, the need for the armed resistance of forces, groups and individuals of the interior in the Provinces of Pangasinan, Zambales, Tarlac, Nueva Ecija, Bulacan, Pampanga, Bataan and the City of Manila no longer exists;

I therefore call upon all Philippine citizens under arms in the Provinces named, who are not now employed as elements of the Philippine Army, the Constabulary or duly constituted local police forces, to turn in their arms to the nearest United States military commander, against his receipt therefor, and return to their several communities and homes for the reestablishment of agriculture and industry and the reconstruction of areas laid waste by the ravages of war.

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The present
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is not
to be
changed
under
present
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most violent reactions - much more blood would be than shed -
than under any present guerrilla conditions - and if becomes
the whole man against the Filipinos - we will have another
insurrection with all Filipinos fully crystallizing
against us. At bottom it is political - not merely
a question of law and order - and as such should
not be headed by the military. These guerrillas
are absolutely no menace to our Army forces.

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The resistance of the Filipino people, both spiritual and physical, to the efforts of the enemy to subjugate them to his will has provided a brilliant chapter in history which both the American and Filipino people can feel justly proud. For the great aid thereby accorded our military operations I express my profound gratitude.

The needs of those areas, now liberated from enemy control, in reconstruction and revitalization are such as to call no less upon the intense patriotism of those people who may now be spared from the combat phase of the war, than were the needs of the situation before our military forces reached Luzon. To meet those needs I look to the wholehearted support, the clear thinking and willing hands of every Filipino patriot."

4. The disarming of elements other than those accredited to the Philippine Army, the Constabulary and duly constituted local police forces is a matter involving great delicacy, in view of the misunderstanding which may arise if a proper basis is not established for such action, that I believe it advisable to employ your personal leadership through a call upon the people in manner substantially as above, before force is resorted to. Many crimes are daily being committed behind the shield of alleged guerilla membership -- these crimes will increase unless the lawless elements responsible are disarmed. Such a call as suggested appears to provide a means of segregation from which none could take offense.

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C.W.



THE HUKBO IN PAMPANGA

INTRODUCTION:-

Two years before the outbreak of this war, the provinces in Central Luzon were agitated by social unrest. The relation between the farmer and his landlord which have been friendly and brotherly since time immemorial turned to bitter enmity and aggressive strife. This was caused by agitators of Communist leaders in Manila headed by Guillermo Capadocia, Evangelista and Feleo who were agents of the Russian government to propagate Communism in the Philippine Islands. These were assisted by a distinguished lawyer from Pampanga who had many setbacks and disappointments in his political career, Don Pedro Abad Santos, an ex-revolutionary leader, brave and courageous. When this social movement was in full swing in the provinces of Central Luzon, this war broke out.

OUTBREAK OF THE WAR IN THE FAR EAST:-

The Japanese came to the Islands rashly. This event gave the radical and criminal elements of Pampanga an opportune time to realize their vengeance and revenge against the peaceful proprietors into bloody and scandalous murders in different municipalities. Many landlords who were staying in desolate places to escape from the dangers of the war were found slain in cold-blood. Women, prominent in social circles, were raped and violated. Happy homes were turned to ashes.





This terrorism and cruelty of these criminal hands continued for a period of three months more or less in the province of Pampanga. And to counter-measure this, prominent persons intervened for the immediate establishment of government in the province of Pampanga and as a result thereof a provincial government headed by Dr. Lazaro Yambao, former acting governor of Pampanga before the war, was organized and immediately functioned for and within the said province. Assisted by the Imperial Japanese Army, this government carried out an extensive campaign against socialism and its followers in the four corners of the entire province of Pampanga. Thousands of arrests were made by the local government and the Japanese Army. Assassinations in great numbers were committed by the agents of the government. But the most lamentable is the fact that many of those unfortunate victims of this reign of terror were innocent and irresponsible farmers and laborers of that locality. The most prominent and radical leaders were left unmolested to roam around the country and to organize a fighting force which they claimed to be a guerilla unit of the Socialists.

SOCIALIST GUERRILLAS:-

After the surrender of Bataan, the socialist guerilla organization, then camping in the swampy lowlands of Macabebe and Masantol across the bay from Bataan, were able to arm and equip their men appropriately as a fighting unit by taking secretly arms of different types and calibers and enor-



mous quantities of ammunitions, dynamites, grenades and other explosives material in warfare. These implements of war were transported from Bataan by bancas and distributed to the different places of Pampanga especially in the municipalities bordering the Pampanga River, purposely to arm the guerilla units of the Socialists organized in those localities.

The active movements of the Socialists assisted by the prevailing public sentiments against Nipponism, easily organized great numbers of men and units of the Socialist guerillas in the entire province of Pampanga. This was easily discovered by the Imperial Japanese Army. As a consequence thereof, a general effective movement against the Socialist guerillas was carried out to wipe out this organization quartered in the lowlands bordering the Pampanga River towards Manila Bay. The Japanese campaign which was carried out on a big scale successfully drove out these Socialist guerillas from Pampanga. These found refuge and shelter at Nueva Ecija where they reorganized themselves into an entity named the "HUKBO ~~NANG~~ BAYAN LABAN SA HAPON" (ARMY OF THE PEOPLE AGAINST JAPAN).

"HUKBO NANG BAYAN LABAN SA HAPON"

This "Hukbo Nang Bayan Laban Sa Hapon" (Army of the People Against Japan) which is in short called at present as the "HUKBO" (the Army) successfully organized its nucleus in big scale in Nueva Ecija until the entire territorial limit

of this province was entirely occupied, It made public its principles in four topics to wit;

1. Down with the Imperial Japanese Army and government in the Philippines.
2. Down with the imperialistic American government in the Philippines.
3. Down with the Quezon administration.
4. Propagate Communism.



Once the province of Nueva Ecija was entirely covered by the activities of the HUKBO, this spread its tentacles to the province of Pampanga.

THE "HUKBO" AT PAMPANGA; -

At Pampanga, the organizaers of the "HUKBO" utilized the Neighborhood Associations organized by the Japanese government in all the corners of the province as its agents in uniting the people into a society from which fighting men were recruited to form the "HUKBO". This movement was secretly allowed by the established local governments in the different municipalities in Pampanga and by the Constabulary force in the said province. And its existence was never divulged to the knowledge of the Japanese authorities so as to avoid operations of the Japanese Army against this organization which operation would cause serious trouble and molest to all the elements of the social community in the province. Due to this, the "HUKBO" spread like wildfire in all the municipalities of Pampanga. And on the month of December 1943 the "HUKBO" exercised a complete control of power in all the twenty-one municipalities

of Pampanga. The local government of every town as well as the provincial government and the Constabulary were placed under the control and influence of the "HUKBO" since the date aforementioned. These governed the people in the way and manner as the "HUKBO" dictated.

TOO LATE TO COPE WITH THE "HUKBO"

The intelligent masses and the officials of the government of Pampanga found out that the "HUKBO" was a menace and a threat to the peace and lives of the people. They tried to fight and counter-attack its movements; but the "HUKBO" was already in power. Officials of the government and all its agents found themselves entirely destitute and powerless to subdue the movement. The Constabulary soldiers were obliged to desert; the officials of the government kept silent to whatever act the "HUKBO" have been committing.

CRIMES COMMITTED BY THE "HUKBO"

From the most desolate barrio to the town proper in every municipality in the entire province of Pampanga, different crimes against honor and dignity of women and against life and property were committed scandalously without any counter-measure by the government. Poor people whom wished to be in peace refusing to join this radical movement were killed mercilessly; prominent women and men of reputation were kidnapped and brought under torture to oblige them to comply with the needs and desires of the "HUKBO". Those who refused were never sent home and after barbarously torturing them they were mur-



dered in cold-blood. Those who resisted the kidhappers were shot in their houses or in the streets, resulting to the death of innocent children and destitute old men and women. All these crimes were publicly committed in every one of the twenty-one municipalities of Pampanga but no official of the government dared to take the proper step to punish the criminals. Terrorism prevailed, fear gripped the heart of every conscious native.

Private properties were confiscated by the "HUKBO". The harvests from the confiscated properties were divided among the "HUKBO"s themselves for the use of their families. Proprietors were obliged to give ten per cent. of whatever profit deriving from ~~whatever product that is~~ harvested in their lands. Ellegal extortions of money and of propeities of value were committed much to the prejudice of many peaceful citizens. The "HUKBO" went further to the limit of confiscating all records in the government with the consent and knowledge of government officials.

In the midst of these crimes being committed daily the people became restless, those who could afford the enormous expenses escaped from the terrorism by secretly evacuating from Pampanga to other provinces where they may be at peace. The poor were obliged to stay. And to be at peace, they shut their ears and eyes to the scandalous crimes the HUKBO have been committing in all the places of Pampanga.

MURDERS AND FRUSTRATED MURDERS:-

Since those days



Recollecting and reviewing publicly known murdered persons in the entire province of Pampanga since the early days of Japanese occupation in the Philippines, we may submit only names of prominent men who were publicly known as victims of this radical group herein being treated. These are only a small percentage in relation with the complete number of victims who were assassinated in cold blood. Among these are:

Don Jose Tapia, General Manager of the Pampanga Sugar Development Company;

Don Jose Morales, former member of the Provincial Board of Pampanga;

Jose Navarro, Mayor of Magalang, Pampanga;

Jose Serrano, Mayor of Guagua, Pampanga;

Manuel Lansang, Mayor of Santa Rita, Pampanga;

Felipe Hizon, Mayor of Mexico, Pampanga

Manuel Galura, Mayor of Bacolor, Pampanga;

Clemente Dayrit, Mayor of Angeles, Pampanga; and

Jose Mendoza, Mayor of Mabalacat, Pampanga.



Mr. Antonio Bustos, the Mayor of Masantol, Pampanga and Mr. Sotero Garcia, Mayor of Apalit, Pampanga were seriously wounded and were fortunate enough to survive but are now in continuous hiding to avoid serious threats against them.

To these the following may be added: Dr. Lazaro Yambao, former Governor of Pampanga, accompanied by the former Vice-Mayor of Macabebe, Pampanga, Mr. Feliciano Pineda and Mr. Pedro Manalastas, a Spanish-American war veteran and a pensioner of the United States government were kidnapped in August 1944 and are now believed dead. And to make this brief, we are to list below the following persons who were publicly

known as assassinated, to wit:

IN MACABEBEZ, PAMPANGA:-

Don Cornelio Bustos, proprietor and merchant;
Dr. Pedro Pacia, proprietor and Dental Surgeon;
Jose Manansala, Assistant Municipal Treasurer;
Lt. Doroteo Cruz of the Philippine Army;
Celestino Cruz, father of the above;
Galo Cruz, brother of Celestino;
Venancio Tolentino, ex-Usaffe soldier;
Nicolas Mendoza, 1st Sergeant, P.S., U.S. Army;
Ciriaco del Mundo, a peaceful laborer;
The wife of Sgt. Manuel Bautista, Phil. Scouts;
Gregorio Tulud, prominent proprietor;
Jose Balingit, son-in-law of Tulud;

IN MASANTOL, PAMPANGA:-

Ingracio Suñga, a Lieutenant in the Phil. Scouts;
Vicente Panganiban, a law graduate;
Mamerto Sonza, a former Phil. Scouts;
Venancio Suñga, a farmer;
Luis Guevarra, Sergeant, P. S.;
Simon Suñga and his entire family;
Gregorio Suñga, brother of Simon;
Paquito Garcia, student and ex-Usaffe;
Quirino Viray and his father-in-law;
Francisco Bartolo, merchant;

IN SAN FERNANDO, PAMPANGA:-

Major Jose David of the Phil. Constabulary;
Lamberto David, son of the Major;
Another son of the Major;
Lt. Amando Cruz, Phil. Constabulary;
Two municipal policemen; known as Gordon and Badong;
Ramon Herrera, jr., landowner;
Jose Sicut, an ex-teacher;
Amando Laxamana, proprietor and Prov. Warden;
Berting Sanchez, Constabulary soldier;
Cresenciano Sicut, son of Jose Sicut;
Jose Aguas, proprietor;
Pamfilo Divinagracia, electrician, Pasudeco;
Nemesio Wijangco, P. C. and proprietor;
Mr. Rivera, a prominent hacendero;

IN BACOLOR, PAMPANGA:-

Felix Twaño and his entire family, proprietor;
Lt Julian Palad, Phil. Constabulary;
Cesar Soto, municipal secretary;
Amado Sengson, government employee;
Bildo de los Reyes, overseer;
Carlos Paloma, ex-Usaffe soldier;
Ponciano Lopez, P.C.;



Ponciano Naepil, farmer;
Maximo Guevarra, ;
"Andong Cubug"



IN OTHER MUNICIPALITIES:-

Florencio Manalo of Santa Rita, Pampanga;
Lt. Jose Paras of the P.C., Angeles, Pampanga;
Jose Pineda, proprietor of Magalang, Pampanga;
Canuto Santos, ex-Municipal Mayor of Arayat, Pamp.;
Anselmo Mutuc, Chief of Police, Arayat, Pampanga;
Dr. Benjamin Fausto and three companions of Sta. Ana;

The list above recorded is but a small percentage in relation with the number of people who were assassinated by the HUKBOs in the entire province of Pampanga. Should a thorough investigation be carried out, in all the municipalities thru the desolate barrios of Pampanga, hundreds of missing persons may be listed. And all these persons were kidnapped and killed by these cruel organization.

PRESENT HAPPENINGS:-

In all the twenty one municipalities of the province of Pampanga the natives in the barrios and in the town proper are until these days resteless from so many threats being carried out by the "HUKBO". The prominent people of the entire province who evacuated to other places for personal safety prefer to stay in the places where they are entirely strangers, abandoning their homes and properties at Pampanga because they believe that they cannot live peacefully in their native towns. And in fact we personally see that in all the municipalities of San Fernando, Macabebe and Masantol crimes are being committed, peaceful natives are reported being assassinated in the silence of the night. This is really lamentable as this is happening in these

times when the American flag is now flying over the Islands guaranteeing protection to lives and property.

Request for Investigations:-

It is herein requested that immediate investigations be conducted to punish the criminals who committed these outrages. It is also herein requested that a portion of the liberating armies of the United States of America be assigned in the different municipalities of Pampanga as peace officers under the provisions of the American Martial Law so as to render adequate protection to the natives of the said province who are now under a reign of terror. It is herein offered that the undersigned and some men under his command be given full authority with necessary arms and transportation facilities to conduct thorough investigations in the said province so as to secure and compile complete datas of all the different crimes committed by these radicals from the remotest barrio to the town proper of every municipality.

SUBMITTED BY:

A. Bustos Zabala

A. BUSTOS ZABALA, Capt., LGA., USAFFE
DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN PANGASINAN
(Duly whartered by Lt. Col. C.A. Thorp,
original organizer of the Luzon Guerilla
Army, Usaffe)

Copy furnished:

Capt. James R. Webster
for the G-2 6th Inf. Div.



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25 JANUARY 1945

TO : GENERAL MACARTHUR
FROM : CABANGBANG
NR 892 : 22 JANUARY

THE HUKBALAJAPS HELD MEETINGS IN SAN ANTONIO, NEUVA ECIJA PROVINCE DURING TOWN FIESTA LAST 18TH JANUARY. SPEECHES WERE DELIVERED PUBLICLY ATTACKING PRESIDENT OSMENA IN NIP PROPAGANDA ENTITLED THE GOVERNMENT OF LAW AND BRANDING HIS PUBLICATION AS NONSENSE. A COPY OF THE PROPANGANDA WAS TORN TO PIECES BEFORE THE PUBLIC EYES. THE HUKBALAJAPS FURTHER STATED THAT THE RAIDING PLANES ARE NOT AMERICAN BUT ARE RUSSIAN. B-2

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FROM : CABANGBANG
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TO : GENERAL MACARTHUR
FROM : CABANGBANG
NR 846 : 18 JANUARY

"TO PRESIDENT SERGIO OSMENA FROM LUIS MTARUC, COMMANDER IN CHIEF
HUKBALAJAPS: YOUR LOYAL COUNTRYMEN OF THE NATIONAL ANTI-JAPANESE UNITED
FRONT AND OF THE HUKBALAJAP, THE ANTI-JAPANESE PEOPLES ARMY, EXTEND YOU
THEIR GREETINGS ON THE NEW YEAR AND WELCOME YOU BACK TO OUR COUNTRY. MAY
OUR COUNTRY BE SOON LIBERATED FROM THE JAPANESE FASCISTS BY THE FORCES OF
LIBERATION. WE PLEDGE OUR FULL SUPPORT FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP IN THE STRUGGLE
FOR INDEPENDENCE AND DEMOCRACY. "

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19 JANUARY 1945

TO : GENERAL MACARTHUR
FROM : CABANGBANG
NR 857 19 JANUARY

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REFER OUR NR 845 AND 846 REFERENCE MESSAGE OF HUK-
BALAJAP COMMANDER TO PRESIDENT OSMENA AND GENERAL MACARTHUR.
SAME WAS SENT OUT BY ME FOR PURPOSES OF PROPAGANDA TO GET
THE COOPERATION OF THESE PEOPLE. HAVE TRIED TO PACIFY THESE
AND PREVENT ENCOUNTER ESPECIALLY BETWEEN THEM AND GUERRILLA
UNITS LEAD BY USAFFE OFFICERS. AM EFFECTING NOW AN AGREE-
MENT BETWEEN HUKBALAJAPS AND BULACAN MILITARY AREA ON THE
PROPOSITION THAT THE HUKBALAJAPS WILL CONCENTRATE AND OPER-
ATE IN PAMPANGA AND LEAVE THE AREA OF BULACAN; AND THAT PRO-
PAGANDA MADE BY UNITS DISCREDITING ANOTHER WILL BE STOPPED
IMMEDIATELY. BELIEVE THIS IS THE ONLY MEANS OF STOPPING
FIGHT BETWEEN THE HUKBALAJAPS AND USAFFE GUERRILLA UNITS.
RECOMMEND THAT INSTRUCTIONS BE DIRECTED TO THE COMMANDER
IN CHIEF HUKBALAJAP INSTRUCTING HIM TO LEAVE BULACAN AND
CONCENTRATE THEIR OPERATIONS IN PAMPANGA AND THAT THEY SHOULD
COLLABORATE WITH THE REST OF THE GUERRILLAS IN THE FURTHER-
ANCE OF OUR MOVEMENTS.

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FROM : CABANGBANG

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REGARDLESS OF WHAT PROPAGANDA THE HUKBALAJAPS GIVE OUT FOR PUBLIC CONSUMPTION, THEY ARE AND WILL REMAIN TO BE COMMUNISTS. THE ONLY REASON WHY THEY ARE NOW CONCILIATORY WITH THE GUERRILLAS AND TREAT AMERICANS WELL IS BECAUSE THEY ARE RUNNING OUT OF AMMUNITIONS AND FEW ARMS. THE FACT IS THEY WANTED THE LIBERATION OF THE PHILIPPINES DELAYED UNTIL SUCH TIME WHEN THEY CAN GATHER ENOUGH STRONG FORCE TO SUPPORT BY FORCE OF ARMS THEIR DOCTRINES EVEN WHEN OUR COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENT IS REESTABLISHED. THE WEAKER THIS ORGANIZATION WILL BE THE BETTER FOR US BECAUSE IF WE GIVE THEM ENOUGH ARMS THEY WILL HIDE THEIR ARMS WHEN THE AMERICANS FINALLY OCCUPY THEIR AREAS AND BRING THEM OUT SECRETLY LATER TO GIVE AN ARMED MOVEMENT AGAINST OUR NATIONAL GOVERNMENT.

HOWEVER WE ARE TRYING TO BE DIPLOMATIC WITH THEM BECAUSE RIGHT NOW THEY ARE GIVING US COOPERATION IN SECURING INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION AND MOVEMENT OF OUR INTELLIGENCE

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(COMMENT: These are the people who have been giving us the trouble in the interior. Looks like the C-in-C's warning took effect.

C.W.)

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA
P. I. SECTION DETACHMENT

17 January 1945

The Commander in Chief
HUKBALAHAP, In the Field

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
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for facility of my mission. I am just unlucky not to be with your organization. for perhaps I could have done better with your unit.

I am taking this move in the spirit of service and duty to our country, devoid of prejudices and favoritism. I am fighting this war not for personal gains nor for my few friends. I am fighting it for all the liberty-loving people, as much as I can do. So please do not misunderstand me.

It is hoped therefore that these propositions will meet your requirements and approval and if there are some which are not agreeable to you please write me at once. Perhaps, I can do something to effect a compromise or agreement between the Hukbalahap and EMA.

I am volunteering to you my good services and promise to do my utmost to stop immediately disputes among units in this area. If I cannot do it, we will refer same to GHQ, SWPA for decision.

For the service of our country

I remain,

E. C. Cabangbang
E.C. CABANGBANG
Captain, AUS
Commanding

Distribution:
CO, HUKBALAHAP
GHQ, SWPA
President, Commonwealth of the Philippines
CO, EMA
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HUKBALAHAP
VISION OF INTELLIGENCE
January 15, 1945



Intelligence Reports to GHQ, PS, of the AIB at SWPAA

From Nueva Ecija: 1/6: Gapan bridge blasted by American planes, caused slight damage on the bridge. 16 Nips killed. 3 civilians killed, 11 injured. Cabanatuan Nip Garrison hit causing slight casualties on the Nip side, can't get accurate number of dead and wounded.

Bombing Results:-

1/7: Gapan bridge hit again, slight damage. Two Cabanatuan bound tanks machine gunned, two tank personnel killed. San Miguel rail bridge bombed but missed. Cabiao, Nip Thresher bombed but unhit. 115 Nips leave Cabiao bound for Gapan/

1/8: Two Cabanatuan bound tanks directly hit on Gapan highway. Gapan bombed last night. 60 Nips and 40 civilians killed. Ricoa at San Miguel blasted, 20 Nips killed. Heavy casualties inflicted by American planes on Infantry convoy bound for Cabanatuan.

1/9: Gapan bridge bombed again, hit directly; 8 trucks burned. 90 Nips killed. Arms, munitions, gasoline and other supplies burned with life trucks.

1/10: Salacot bridge heavily hit and damaged by American planes

Troop

Concentrations:-

Reports from our operators in the Bitulok area who are working with the Nips indicated that some 15,000 Nip troops are enbrached from Bitulok to Dingalan Bay. Anti-aircraft and rifle munitions buried along the highway. Every munition dump is 200 to 400 yards from the highway, on both sides, with most of them dug near the brooks. Along the coast of Dingalan Bay 28 AA guns installed, with Nip troops hiding under trees from Bitulok to Baler. If you have a map of the Bitulok area, Trails 165, 166, 167, 168, 169 & 170 lead to Munition depots. (We will try to secure sketch of this localities.)

From Tarlac:-

Reports from our operators covering Tarlac Capital Town and the Tarlac airfield have not yet arrived todate. They have so far reported that 3 of them have entered into Nip service to make accurate data on the Nip airfields there. We will send you detailed sketches of the airfield as soon as they arrive.

Airfields and Troops Concentrations:-

1/11 American planes attacking objectives in Bamban have as yet failed to hit the Big Tunnel used for munitions and fuel depot at Sinipit hills. Sinipit hills are found two miles west of the Bamban railway Station. Detailed sketch of this tunnel will be sent as soon as possible.

1/11 Along the banks of the Bamban Nips are digging entrenchments and gun emplacements. Detailed sketches of all of these will be available as soon as our operators who went to work with the Nips will return.

From Pampanga: Garrison:-

1/9 Three hundred plus Nips garrisoned at Magalang, occupying all houses north and northwest of the Church. Three AA guns installed two hundred yards northwest of the Church. Ricoa housing some 7,000 Cavans of palay and other Nip supplies at intersection of rail line and road, 300 yds northeast of the Church.

Airfields:-

(Enclosed herewith is a sketch of Nip airfields in Northwestern Pampanga. A new details will be sent later)

Troop Movements:-

Nip forces in Pampanga are very mobile, except the regular garrisons at some places; so that big convoy's can not be reported accurately.

Allied Pilots

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA
P. I. SECTION DETACHMENT

26 November 44



Hukbalajaps and other Leaders,
In the Field

My dear countrymen;

Hereto attached are the instructions of General Douglas MacArthur, C-in C, SWPA. The instructions are clear and vivid and its intentions are simple; to carry out the war in the most efficient method and to bring down to her knees the enemy as soon as possible.

It should be clear now to all of us, Filipinos, that the day of our liberation; the day when we shall once again enjoy the democratic ways of life and live as free people in a civilized world, is drawing near. In fact it is only on the threshold-Leyte then the whole Philippines.

We had been fighting for this day from the battlefields of Bataan and Corregidor to the jungles of Mindanao, Visayas, the Sierra Madres and in all the high Sierras of Luzon. We never quit the moment in this struggle. And better yet, we know that we are not alone in this fight for freedom. The Americans and other peace loving people on earth are putting everything to make this world - this country of ours, a world fit for civilized man to live.

But it is lamentable that even we, whose fame as real soldiers and heroes has been broadcast throughout the world, are today not united. It is a shame on all of us, that even at this critical days of our national livelihood we cannot agree among our selves and unite all our war efforts for the furtherance of our common aims - LIBERTY. It is not becoming for us, whose history is rich with the accounts of continuous, relentless and united fight against oppressors, to be today divided and fight among ourselves.

General MacArthur calls all of us to unite and cease immediately our petty quarrels and rivalries. Our country demands from all of us our unified war efforts, cooperation and assistance. Our dead heroes from Lapu-lapu, Rizal and up to the last of the approximately sixty thousand Filipinos who had died in the fields of Bataan, Camp O'Donnell concentration camp and throughout the islands expect all of us to carry on. They desire no useless bloodshed just as much as any intelligent Filipino does.

We are acquainted with the propaganda of the units in this area. Some units accuse the others for lying low, not fighting the enemy now, expecting promotions or bonuses. My dear friends, we would like to ask the accusers if they are familiar with the instructions of General MacArthur or whether they know the technique of underground movements in France, Poland, Norway and other European countries in this war. Does everybody realize that it is not be open armed resistance alone that we can continuously harass and fight the enemy? Does every one know that there are such things as intelligence, sabotage, simple passage resistance, or non-cooperation, so unnoticeable that a thousand more times destructive to the enemy than the more glamorous way of killing one or two Japanese by a rifle? Does every Filipino realize that the simple way of delaying the hair cut of a Japanese soldier or the reporting of addresses of NIPS whom we meet every now and then or the knowing of the names of high ranking Japanese officers is fighting a war even more effective than by raiding Jap garrisons? Do all of us know that there is something as organization and training preparatory to all our actions on the D-day? Do we all realize that no armed organization now in existence in the Philippines can permanently drive or neutralized the enemy without the help of America? Do we all realize that the Nips are capitalizing on our disobedience to orders and leave us to fight among ourselves? Do we all know that we are helping the enemy by doing so? In other words, our leaders trained and schooled in the art and technique of modern warfare? Remember my fellow countrymen that this is a modern war. We fight it not only with bullets and bombs and even with voices if necessary but also with brains.

We should all realize that everyone of us is trying his utmost to end this calamity soon. We should not jump at untimely and unfounded conclusions and bring about confusion, dissension and more suffering to our country whom we have so dedicated our lives for her liberation.

Let us therefore examine ourselves and ponder for a moment the realities of this war. Let us not for a tick of a second make ourselves believe that we can hide our activities from our people and the properly constituted authority. Let those who have not been familiar with instructions of General MacArthur "seek and obey" them; General MacArthur is still giving all of us a chance to properly align ourselves with the cause. Let there be no excuses or alibis because there will be no room for them during the day of reckoning.

Now is the time, my fellow countrymen, to orient ourselves and act as we are directed. Any moment's delay will render us too late for victory.

This Headquarters will be ready at all times to meet leaders who want to familiarize themselves with the instructions of GHQ, SWPA. Just make the proper contacts and we will be more than glad and willing to serve you as it is our duty.

In conclusion, we hope that all of us will realize the situation and act **fast** and intelligently according to instructions given us by **daily** authorized headquarters. Let's face the grim realities of the moments with open minds and open hearts.

At your service,



B. C. Cabangbang
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14 JANUARY 1945

TO : GENERAL MACARTHUR
FROM : RAMSEY
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NR 809: 14 JANUARY



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(Hukbo ng Bayan Laban sa Hapon)
3rd Regional Headquarters

December 29, 1944

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"Victory for us all and death
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S/ EUSEBIO AQUINO
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To the Allied forces in
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c/o General McArthur

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16 DECEMBER 1944

TO : GENERAL MACARTHUR

FROM : SANTOS

NO NR : 15 DECEMBER

MAKA PILINEANING MAKA BAYANG KALIPUNAN FILIPINO HEADED BY RICARTE PIO DURAN AND BENIGNO RAMOS WAS ORGANIZED BY JAPS. PURPOSE IS TO ORGANIZE ALL PRO JAP FILIPINOS, THE GAMAPS, TO FIGHT AMERICANS. PRO JAP FILIPINOS ARE TRAINED AND ARMED BY JAPS. HUKBALAJAPS ARE CONTINUOUSLY FIGHTING AND KILLING USAFFE MEN. AT POLO AND OBANDO, BULACAN HUKBALAJAPS SNIPED JAP TROOPS. JAPS RETALIATED BY KILLING CIVILIANS ENMASSE. CAPTAIN BOLLO PEPEZ, 31ST F.A., COMMANDING OFFICER SANTA MARIA REGIMENT THIS AREA WAS CAPTURED AND KILLED BY HUKBALAJAPS DECEMBER 11. LT. E. MAGUSSON U. S. NAVY PILOT SHOT DOWN AT BAGONG BAERIO, BIGAA WAS CAPTURED AND KILLED BY HUKBALAJAPS. AFFIDAVITS OF EYE WITNESSES AT THIS HEADQUARTERS. THIS COMMAND WILL START LARGE SCALE CAMPAIGN AGAINST HUKBALAJAPS AND JAPS SIMULTANEOUSLY ON D DAY, ALL INTELLIGENCE OPERATIONS OF THIS COMMAND IS INTEGRATED AND COORDINATED WITH CAPTAIN CABANGBANG.

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16 DECEMBER 1944

TO : GENERAL MACARTHUR

FROM : SANTOS

No Nr 15 December

Maka Pilineaning Maka Bayang Kalipunan Filipino headed by Ricarte Pio Duran and Benigno Ramos was organized by Japs. Purpose is to organize all Pro Jap Filipinos, the Ganaps, to fight Americans. Pro Jap Filipinos are trained and armed by Japs. Hukbala Japs are continuously fighting and killing USAFFE men. At Polo and Obando, Bulacan Hukbala Japs sniped Jap troops. Japs retaliated by killing civilians enmasse. Captain Zoilo Perez, 31st F.A., commanding officer Santa Maria Regiment this area was captured and killed by Hukbala Japs December 11. Lt. E. Magnusson U. S. Navy Pilot shot down at Bagong barrio, Bigaa was captured and killed by Hukbala Japs. Affidavits of eye witnesses at this Headquarters. This command will start large scale campaign against Hukbala Japs and Japs simultaneously on D day. All intelligence operations of this command is integrated and coordinated with Captain Cabangbang.



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9 DECEMBER 1944

TO : GENERAL MACARTHUR

FROM : ROWE

NR 274

WHEN HUKBALAJAPS MEET USAFFE GUERRILLAS, THEY DISARM USAFFE AND
SOMETIMES EXECUTE OFFICERS.

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5 DECEMBER 1944

TO : GENERAL MACARTHUR
FROM : TORRES
NR 29 :

HIKELAJAPS BANDS INCREASING IN STRENGTH AND MAKING PREPARATIONS OF
THEIR OWN. HAVE MANY WRITTEN INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION ON HAND.

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28 NOVEMBER 1944

TO : GENERAL MACARTHUR

FROM : ROWE

NR 245

OULIO GONZALES TO BASILIO VALDEZ, GHQ SWPA, AM PERSONALLY APPEALING TO YOU WITH REQUEST THAT YOU BRING FOLLOWING FACTS BEFORE GENERAL MACARTHUR.

NUMERICALLY OUTNUMBERED BY ARMED HOSTILE HUKBALAJAPS ECTGANUIOUS UNDER RAMSEY ARE BEING PUSHED TOWARDS MOUNTAINS AWAY FROM MANILA THE CENTER OF OUR INTELLIGENCE NET AND SUPPLY ROUTES CUT OFF. SHOULD HUKS PENETRATION TO HACIENDA REMEDIOS NORTH OF MONTALBAN WHEREIN WE NOW HAVE IN READINESS PARACHUTE LANDING FIELD MARKED OFF BY FLARES FOR IMMEDIATE USE. HAVE SO FAR EVADED HUKS BUT FEAR WILL BE FORCED TO FIGHT AT DISADVANTAGE DUE TO LACK OF ORDNANCE, EQUIPMENT, FOOD AND MEDICAL SUPPLIES.

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25 NOVEMBER 1945



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TO : GENERAL MACARTHUR
FROM : TORRES
NR 16 : 20 NOVEMBER

REPORTS ON HUKBALAJAPS AS OF NOVEMBER 14. ALL INFO B-2:

PURPOSE OF HUKBALAJAPS TO ESTABLISH COMMUNISTIC FORM OF GOVERNMENT. THEY ARE NOT LOYAL AND THEY HAVE COME TO BELIEVE THAT RUSSIAS PRINCIPALS WILL FINALLY WIN. THEIR STRENGTH ABOUT 5,000 ARMED WITH 4,000 RIFLES OF JAP AND U. S. MAKE, 25 MACHINE GUNS, 500 AUTOMATIC RIFLES AND ABOUT 60 ROUNDS OF AMMO TO EACH MAN. ARMS AND AMMO OBTAINED FROM BATAAN AFTER ITS SURRENDER. FOOD SUPPLIES ARE EITHER EXTORTED OR LOOTED FROM CIVILIANS. HUKBALAJAPS MOSTLY CONCENTRATED IN TOWNS OF GUIMBA NUEVA ECIAJA, PANIQUI, PORAGORONA AND VICTORIA OF TARLAC PROVINCE. LEADERS ARE GENERAL JUAL FELIOALIASA AND AUGIRO DE SANTA ROSA, NUEVA ECIIJA, MAJOR GENERAL MATEO DEL CASTILLO ALIAS ALOREDO AGUDO OF
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25 November 1944

TO : GENERAL MACARTHUR

FROM : TORRES

NR 16 20 November

Reports on Hukbala Japs as of November 14. All info B-2:

Purpose of Hukbala Japs to establish Communistic form of Government. They are not loyal and they have come to believe that Russia's principles will finally win. Their strength about 5,000 armed with 4,000 rifles of Jap and U. S. make, 25 machine guns, 500 automatic rifles and about 60 rounds of ammo to each man. Arms and ammo obtained from Bataan after its surrender. Food supplies are either extorted or looted from civilians. Hukbala Japs mostly concentrated in towns of Guimba Nueva Ecija, Paniqui, Poragorona and Victoria of Tarlac Province. Leaders are general Jual Felicaliasa and Aggiero de Santa Rosa Nueva Ecija, Major General Mateo del Castillo alias Alredo Agudo of
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25 November 1944

TO : TORRES
FROM : GENERAL MACARTHUR
NR 2

MacArthur's message which follows to Torres ---

Upon the arrival of our forces to the Island of Luzon
My firm purpose shall be to run down and bring to justice every
disloyal Filipino who has aided the molestation and debasement of
his own cause, impeded the services of USAFFE officers, men,
(2) who have resisted the enemy, or civilians whose patriotism has
supported the resistance movement. This situation has come to my
attention from several messages concerning the disloyal element among
the Filipinos of Central Luzon. To make it patently clear to these
disloyal elements to the best of your ability is my desire and further
they know that such actions constitute direct aid to the enemy and
helps his war against our countries. If such action persists I shall
bring to bear the necessary force to effect their capture and punish-
ment for treason against the U. S. and the P. I. Commonwealth. Their
support is called upon now and their aid and obedience to my instruct-
ions.



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CW/tpd

24 November 1944

TO : CABANGBANG, VOLCKMANN, ANDERSON, LAPHAM, TORRES, RAMSEY (THRU ROWE), ANDREWS,
MILLER
FROM : MACARTHUR
NR : SPL 6

I AM IN RECEIPT OF SEVERAL MESSAGES CONCERNING DISLOYAL ELEMENTS AMONG
FILIPINOS IN CENTRAL LUZON PD I DESIRE THAT YOU TAKE SUCH STEPS AS ARE AVAILABLE
TO YOU TO MAKE IT PATENTLY CLEAR THAT WHEN OUR MILITARY OPERATIONS HAVE REACHED
THE ISLAND OF LUZON IT SHALL BE MY FIRM PURPOSE TO RUN DOWN AND BRING TO JUSTICE
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OTHERWISE IMPEDE THE SERVICE OF ANY USAFFE OFFICER OR MAN IN RESISTING THE ENEMY CMA
OR ANY CIVILIAN PATRIOT SUPPORTING THE RESISTANCE MOVEMENT PD INFORM ANY SUCH PERSONS
THAT THEIR ACTIONS CONSTITUTE DIRECT AID TO THE ENEMY IN HIS WAR AGAINST THE UNITED
STATES AND THE PHILIPPINE COMMONWEALTH AND THAT IF THEY CONTINUE SUCH ACTIONS ALL
NECESSARY FORCE SHALL BE COMMITTED IN DUE TIME TO EFFECT THEIR APPREHENSION AND
PUNISHMENT FOR THE CRIME OF TREASON PAREN MACARTHUR TO PAREN PD I CALL UPON
THEM AT ONCE TO SUPPORT OUR CAUSE AND TO SEEK AND OBEY MY INSTRUCTIONS

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CW/tpd

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THEM AT ONCE TO SUPPORT OUR CAUSE AND TO SEEK AND OBEY MU INSTRUCTIONS

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24 NOVEMBER 1944

TO : GENERAL MACARTHUR
FROM : CABANGBANG
NR 296 : 23 NOVEMBER

HUKBALAJAPS AND NIPS ARE SCATTERED AMONG THE TOWNS AND BARRIOS OF BULACAN PROVINCE TO SUPERVISE AND LOOT THE RICE HARVEST NOW IN PROGRESS. THEY HAVE SURROUNDED US AND PREVENT OUT PASSAGE. LEAFLETS BELIEVED WILL PACIFY THE HUKBALAJAPS. REITERATE REQUEST FOR DROPPING OF LEAFLETS AND BOMBING OF NIPS IN BALIUAG AND SAN ILDEFONSO TOWNS. HUKBALAJAPS REINFORCEMENT COMING CONTINUOUSLY FROM NEAR BY TOWNS FOR CAMPAIGN TOWARDS OUR HEADQUARTERS.



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24 NOVEMBER 1944

TO : GENERAL MACARTHUR

FROM: CABANGBANG

NR 296 23 NOVEMBER



Hukbala Japs and Nips are scattered among the towns and barrios of Bulacan Province to supervise and loot the rice harvest now in progress. They have surrounded us and prevent our passage. Leaflets believed will pacify the Hukbala Japs. Reiterate request for dropping of leaflets and bombing of Nips in Baliuag and San Ildefonso towns. Hukbala Japs reinforcement coming continuously from near by towns for campaign towards our headquarters.

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23 November 1944

TO : GENERAL MACARTHUR
FROM : CABANGBANG
NR 295 : 23 NOVEMBER

AT 0300/H 23 NOVEMBER, 2,000 HUKBALAJAPS, ALL ARMED, ARE CONCENTRATING AT BARRIO TALAKSAN, ONE MILE EAST OF SAN RAFAEL, BULACAN. NIPS ARE CONCENTRATING AT SAN ILDEFONSO CHURCH, SCHOOL HOUSES, AND NEAR THE RAILROAD STATION. REFER TO MAP LUZON, NR 22 AND 23. ALSO CONCENTRATING IN BAIUAG. ALL ARE MOVING TOWARDS ACKLEY THEN TO OUR HEADQUARTERS. REQUEST THAT THE NIPS BE BOMBED IMMEDIATELY AND WE TAKE CARE OF THE HUKBALAJAPS. Signed LT CABANGBANG

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23 NOVEMBER 1944

TO : GENERAL MACARTHUR

FROM : CABANGBANG

NR 295 23 November

At 0300/H 23 November, 2,000 Hukbala Japs, all armed, are concentrating at Barrio Talaknan, one mile east of San Rafael, Bulacan. Nips are concentrating at San Ildefonso Church, School houses, and near the railroad station. Refer to Map Luzon, Nr 22 and 23. Also concentrating in Baliuag. All are moving towards Ackley then to our headquarters. Request that the Nips be bombed immediately and we take care of the Hukbala Japs. Signed Lt. Cabangbang





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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA
CHECK SHEET

Col Whitney Huke
C.W.
[Signature]

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File No.:

Subject:

From: C.W.

To: C in C
Thru: D C/S

Date: 23 November 1944

1. Attention is invited to attached messages, 142 from Cabangbang and 223 from Rowe (transmitting message from Major Ramsey). These two messages repeat similar charges previously made by Major Anderson, Lieutenant Torres, and Major Andrews.

2. The Hukbalajaps organized largely from members of the Panganga communists under Pedro Abad Santos. They are reported to be armed with approximately 4,000 rifles allegedly taken from unsurrendered USAFFE soldiers and the several major loyal groups in Central Luzon have repeatedly and bitterly complained of the operations of this group against their members - even suggesting that whereas the Hukbalajaps are not outwardly pro Jap there are indications that the enemy does all he can to further and encourage their armed action against groups of outstanding loyalty.

3. Whereas I realize the difficulty in the fulfillment of any threat against this group it appears necessary that the appeals of such reliable representatives as Anderson, Cabangbang, Torres, Ramsey and Andrews be recognized at least by such moral support and protection as is within your power to give. I accordingly recommend that in reference the messages addressed to the C in C in the premises, a reply be given to the foregoing officers substantially as follows:

"I AM IN RECEIPT OF ~~YOUR~~ SEVERAL MESSAGES CONCERNING DISLOYAL ELEMENTS AMONG FILIPINOS IN CENTRAL LUZON. I DESIRE THAT YOU TAKE SUCH STEPS AS ARE AVAILABLE TO YOU TO MAKE IT PATENTLY CLEAR THAT WHEN OUR MILITARY OPERATIONS HAVE REACHED THE ISLAND OF LUZON IT SHALL BE MY FIRM PURPOSE TO RUN DOWN AND BRING TO JUSTICE EVERY FILIPINO WHO HAS SO DEBASED THE CAUSE OF HIS OWN PEOPLE AS TO MOLEST OR OTHERWISE IMPEDE THE SERVICE OF ANY USAFFE OFFICER OR MAN IN RESISTING THE ENEMY, OR ANY CIVILIAN PATRIOT SUPPORTING THE RESISTANCE MOVEMENT. INFORM ANY SUCH PERSONS THAT THEIR ACTIONS CONSTITUTE DIRECT AID TO THE ENEMY IN HIS WAR AGAINST THE UNITED STATES AND THE PHILIPPINE COMMONWEALTH AND THAT ALL NECESSARY FORCE SHALL BE COMMITTED IN DUE TIME TO EFFECT THEIR APPREHENSION AND PUNISHMENT FOR THE CRIME OF TREASON. *call upon them at once to support our cause and to seek and obey my instructions.*

Incls:
Message 142 fr Cabangbang
Message 223 fr Rowe

⑤ 23/64

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C.W.
C.N.
OK as notified
Mark

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November 1944

TO : GENERAL MACARTHUR
FROM : LAPHAM
NR 5 : 8 NOVEMBER

REFERENCE YOUR SVC NR 1/4 -----

BELIEVED SOME AMMUNITION HIDDEN IN RESERVE. THEY STILL CONTROL THIS AREA ALTHOUGH CIVILIANS AGAINST THEM. HEAD OF ORGANIZATION IS MILITARY COMMITTEE OF FIVE MEN: -

CASSANTO EVANGELISTA

GUILLEPMO CAPADDOSA

PEDRO ABAD SANTOS

JUAN FELEO

JOSE ALEJANDRINO

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20 AUG. 75



TO : MACARTHUR
FROM : LAPHAM
NR 5 : 16 NOVEMBER

HUKBALAJAPS ARE STRONG IN PAMPANGA, BULACAN, SOUTHERN PARTS OF TARLAC AND NUEVA ECIJA. ESTIMATED STRENGTH ABOUT 2000 RIFLES THIS AREA. NOW TRAVEL IN LARGE GROUPS UP TO 1000, ABOUT 50 PER CENT ARMED. HAVE FEW MACHINE GUNS. SEEM TO BE SHORT OF AMMUNITION

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23 November 1944

TO : GENERAL MACARTHUR

FROM : LAPHAM

NR 5 8 November

Reference your Svc Nr 1/4 ----

Believed some ammunition hidden in reserve. They still control this area although civilians against them. Head of organization is military committee of five men: -

Cassanto Evangelista
Guillermo Capaddosa
Pedro Abad Santos
Juan Feleo
Jose Alejandrino

FROM : LAPHAM

NR : 5 16 November

Hukbala Japs are strong in Pampanga, Bulacan, Southern parts of Tarlac and Nueva Ecija. Estimated strength about 2000 rifles this area. Now travel in large groups up to 1000, about 50 per cent armed. Have few machine guns. Seem to be short of ammunition.

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20 NOVEMBER 1944



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28 AUG 75

TO : GENERAL MACARTHUR
FROM : CABANGBANG
142 14 NOVEMBER

CAPTAIN SANTOS REQUESTS INSTRUCTION ON WHAT ACTION WE
TAKE TO STOP THE ENCROACHMENT OF HUKBALAJAPS IN OUR TERRITORIES.
THEY HAVE KILLED EX-BATAAN SOLDIERS THEY CAPTURE AND WHO ARE
FOUND TO BELONG TO THE USFIP. THEY KILLED ASSEMBLYMAN LEON
VALENCIA AND GOVERNOR JACINTO MOLINA WHO ARE WORKING WITH US.
ONE NAVY PILOT NAME UNKNOWN KILLED BY THEM ON 29 OCTOBER AT
BIGAA TOWN, BULACAN. UNLESS INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CONTRARY ARE
ISSUED BY GHQ, SWPA WE WILL BE FORCED TO GO INTO ARMED CONFLICT
WITH THEM TO MAINTAIN OUR ORGANIZATION.

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20 NOVEMBER 1945

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19 NOVEMBER 1944

TO : GENERAL MACARTHUR
FROM : ROWE
NR 223 :

RAMSEY TO CG SWPA:

SITUATION INCREASINGLY DESPERATE. HUKBALAJAPS WITH SUPERIOR ARMS EVIDENTLY GIVEN BY NIPS STEADILY CUTTING RANGE OF OPERATIONS, ENDANGERING COMMUNICATIONS AND INTELLIGENCE MESSAGES. UNLESS FUNDS AND AT LEAST 10,000 ARMS AND RADIO EQUIPMENT TO CONTROL BULACAN AND MANILA AREA BE DROPPED WITHIN 15 DAYS AT HACIENDA REMEDIOS (LAT 14 DEG 47 MIN 25 SEC NORTH LONG 121 DEG 8 MIN 40 SEC EAST REFERENCE CGS MAP 1933 SCALE ONE TO 200,000) INTELLIGENCE WORK WILL BE DISRUPTED IF NOT STOPPED. HAVE BEEN OPERATING ON BORROWED NIP WAR NOTES. CANNOT OBTAIN ENOUGH TO MEET EXPENSES DUE STEADY INFLATION. REQUEST FOUR DAYS ADVANCE WARNING AND AMOUNT OF EQUIPMENT BEING SENT IF THIS REQUEST APPROVED.

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13 NOVEMBER 1944

TO : GENERAL MACARTHUR

FROM : ANDERSON

NR 67:

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Re your NR 47:

1. (General Leaders). Military committee, Chairman is Juan Taruc, other two members are Juan Feleo (reported to be political prisoner) and former mayor Alejandreno of Arayat, Pampanga known as Sampang is associated with military committee. Another man known as Pugo who was musician in Shanghai (is secretary for military committee and also has Vonces).
2. (Central Committee). Believed to be political section has as much or more power than military committee, composed of three men: Castillo is leader, Tong-Chi-Siy is member. Other member not known. General Juan Appeleo known as Tandan Giro, commander Hukbalajap armed forces.
4. (Local Commanders). A. Tandang Banal commands regional command number one, located in Aopanga. B. Major Capuli regional commander number eight in Neuva Ecija, Pablo Antonio executive officer. C. Eusebio regional command number three in Tarlac. D. Pedro Villegas (Hasim) home is barrio San Antonio, Paeta, Laguna, Regional command number 11 in southern Luzon.
5. Purpose -- Activities. My estimate is, A. Elimination of Japanese. B. Elimination of capitalists. C. Political clan with strong communistic and socialistic leanings.
6. (Loyalists). A. Anti-Japanese. B. Anti-Former Philippine Commonwealth. C. Lukewarm to U.S., more loyal to America than Japanese or Philippine Commonwealth. D. Russia welcome.
7. (Location Units). A. Strongest in Pampanga and Southern Nueva Ecija, estimated strength is 25,000. B. Small units in Tarlac North and Western Tayabas and Southeastern Laguna 3,000. Of estimated strength given I estimate only 40 percent agree with political policies and 60 percent joined because of desire to help win war.
8. (Armament). Estimated they have 5,000 to 6,000 arms, approximately 15 percent serviceable, ammunition is now very limited (source of supplies). From Bataan and other battle fronts and local people by force or otherwise. More details on Hukbalajap later.

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5 November 1944

TO : GENERAL MACARTHUR
FROM : CABANGBANG
NR 9 : 4 NOVEMBER

In connection with the intensified campaign of the Hukbalajaps against the USFIP guerillas, request that leaflet be dropped and radio broadcast through the voice of Freedom or other broadcasts be made as soon as possible to discourage the Hukbalajaps from their present move. They are accusing the guerillas of the following:

1. That the guerillas are scared of the Nips.
2. If the guerillas want to fight, they should join the Hukbalajaps.
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3. The guerillas are looting the civilians and wasting the food by hiding in or lying low. That the Hukbalajaps are recognized by U. S. Army. With the Hukbalajaps are many ex-service men who are either misled by their leaders or forced to join holding their families as hostages or promised share of their loot. Leaflets and broadcasts believed can accomplish the following:
 1. The Hukbalajaps leaders with order cessation of conflict with the guerillas and work out for coordination or cooperation with guerillas.
 2. Officers and men who are misled by their own propaganda will be made to realize the real status of their organization.
 3. The leaders and men upon knowing that the Hukbalajap activities are brought to the attention and being attended to by General Headquarters, Southwest Pacific Area, will be more careful of their activities because most of them also desire recognition of their organization.

The following places are the hotbeds and headquarters of the Hukblajaps: Pampanga Province -- Candaba, Arayat, Masantol, San Luis, San Simon, and Macabebe towns. Nueva Ecija Province -- Gapam, San Isidro, San Antonio, San Jose, Cabaio, Jaen and Cabanatuan towns. Bulacan Province -- San Ildefonso, San Miguel, Baniuag, Calumpit, Malalos, Bulacan, Paombong, Hagonay and Pulilan towns.

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FROM : CABANGBANG

NR 86: 29 OCTOBER

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Continuation of Nr 85

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E. Source of supplies: Arms and ammunitions secured as stated in D. Food, money and other supplies secured by looting, banditry and forced contribution done thru commandeering. Houses of the masses, especially those of the families and sympathizers of the guerillas are ransacked and looted.

F. Purposes:

1. Propagate and establish communism in the Philippines.
2. To use the Hukbalajaps as a medium of spreading the doctrines of Communism.
3. To establish the Communist Government in the Philippines when peace comes
4. To fight and not to surrender or cooperate with the American Forces, have to take advantage of the present Tumult to enrich themselves by dividing among them the property of the rich people.

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1. Fighting against the guerillas and Constabulary in Nueva Ecija, Bulacan, Pampanga, Tarlac, Bataan, Zambales and Laguna.
2. Looting and killing civilians who will not accept or join their organization.
3. Establishment of mass schools where communism is taught.
4. Establishment of military academies to train their soldiers in discipline, tactics, and loyalty to the communistic doctrines.
5. Establishment of Provincial Government in places under their control.
6. In very few instances the Hukbalajaps have raided Jap trains but now no report of same reported.

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FROM : CABANGBANG

NR 85 : 29 OCTOBER

Continuation of Nr 84.

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NR 84: 29 OCTOBER

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Ref your Nr. 5, the following A-1 information available.



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5. Lope dela Rosa, former communist leader is member of the military committee.
6. Alfonso dela Rosa is political director of Squadron 48 composed of Chinese from Manila, same all operating in Manila.
7. Dante (alias) CO Squadron 77 operating on boundary of Bulacan and Pampanga.
8. Attorney Nicolas (alias Ellen) Socialist leader and political adviser in Bulacan.

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Jose de Leon . . Aliaga, Asst. Supreme Leader " "
Jose Taguian . . Aliaga (250 arms)
Leonard Raindrop (American) Aliaga, N. Ecija, Exec. Officer
Pedro Saula . .)
Jose Saula .c. .) Sto Tomas, Aliaga -- Financiers & Mouthpiece
Tranquilo Lomboy Picaleon, Cabanatuan (200 arms)
Viernes Talabotal Norte, Cabanatuan (150 arms)
Luis Taruc . . . San Luis, Pampanga -- Supreme Leader
Casta Alejandrino Arayat, Pampanga -- Asst. Supreme Leader
Juan Banal . . . San Ildefonso, Bulacan (1,000 arms)
Agripino Taguian Alaiga (200 arms)
Lava brothers of Bulacan, Bulacan -- Advisers
Patricio del Rosario - Casile, Talavera (500 arms)

KNOWN GANAP LEADERS

Ladislao Makalinao, Aliaga	Agustin Katakutan	Munoz
Issuro Makalinao "	Fausto Reyes	San Jose
Mariano Sore "	Emilio Miranda	Munoz
Palad San Jose	Lapitan	San Jose



C O P Y

FACTS ABOUT THE HUKBALAHAP

To dispel any doubt in the minds of those who are unfamiliar with the principles upon which the HUKBALAHAP has been founded, we wish to publish the following facts:

1. The HUKBALAHAP (Hubo ng Bayang Laban sa Hapon) is an army of the people. It stands and fights for Independence and Democracy.

2. The HUKBALAHAP was formed by patriotic Filipinos whose primary purpose is to uphold our traditional love for liberty and protect the economic, political and social interests of the great masses of the people. It pays little or no interest in rank and personal emoluments.

3. The HUKBALAHAP is aligned with the United Nations for the total destruction of the Fascist Powers, the worst enemies of human progress, civilization and the people's rights, including their economic security and political liberties.

THEREFORE:

4. The HUKBALAHAP is the bitter Enemy of the Jap Military Fascists.

5. The HUKBALAHAP is the sworn enemy of all criminal elements (foreigners or Filipinos). It fights bandits, racketeers, those who violate our women those who take advantage of the ignorance and helplessness of the poor for the promotion of their selfish ends.

6. The HUKBALAHAP is sworn to defend the lives, honor, rights and properties of all anti-Jap elements. To this end, the HUKBALAHAP is helping in the establishment of the people's democratic governments, from the Barrio Councils to the Municipal and Provincial Councils.

7. From the start, the HUKBALAHAP has consistently pursued a policy of unity and coordination with all anti-Jap armed forces which are ready to sacrifice all in the fight to drive the Jap bandits and thereby win for the Filipino people national self-respect, liberty and democracy.

Any person or group of persons who, instead of heeding our call for unity and coordination, insist in maliciously and destructively discrediting the HUKBALAHAP, is a tool of the enemy. Such elements are die-hard reactionaries puppets or collaborators, who are selfishly angling for political power. These fascistic elements being deadly enemies of the majority of the people must be singled out and summarily destroyed.

The HUKBALAHAP calls upon every patriot and comrades-in-arms to keep guard to prevent rats---like the ex-PCs, ex-puppet officials and collaborators who themselves tortured or incited the Japs to torture the people, and Buy-and-Sell racketeers whose activity helped the Japs in plundering the people---from penetrating into our guerilla and other patriotic organizations.

LONG LIVE AMERICA DEFENDER OF DEMOCRACY!
DESTROY THE PUPPETRY!
ESTABLISH PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENTS EVERYWHERE!
DEATH TO THE PUPPETS AND COLLABORATORS!



GHQ, HUKBALAHAP

HUKBALAHAP

Notes taken 25 Jan 1945 (from Lt Stilwell, 37th Div CIC Det - to S2 148 Inf)

Definition of Hukbalahap: The word is a contraction of the Tagalan sentence "the people's Army to fight the Japanese." They are strongest in Pampanga Province, but also control southern Tarlac, part of Nueva Ecija, Bulacan, Bataan, Rizal. The leader is one Colonel Uesebic Aquino, reputed to be the supreme commander, but there is evidence that he is taking orders from some higher authority. Aquino was formerly the head of the Communist Party in the Philippine Islands. Second in Command is Major Catapadang. In command of the 3rd Region (Tarlac, Pampanga, Nueva Ecija) is Colonel Luis Taruc, also a Communist. Region #7 (Bulacan, Bataan, Rizal) is commanded by Colonel Banal (first name unknown), whose home is at Macabebe, Pampanga.

Concepcion was under complete dominance by the Hukbalahap and the people of the municipality seemed to fear them very greatly. The municipal officials of Concepcion refused to continue in office because they say they have been threatened by the Hukbalahap should they do so. There is slight evidence that the Hukbalahap are organizing their own municipal governments in Concepcion and the other municipalities of the areas in which they operate. At this time it is not known who they have chosen to act as the officials of Concepcion. A guerilla of Hendrickson's force reports that the Hukbalahap and Hendrickson's guerillas have been constantly at odds. Hendrickson, himself, charges that the Hukbalahap is an organization of bandits. Guerillas other than the Hukbalahap are unanimous in claiming that the Hukbalahap would not cooperate with other guerilla forces and there are some charges that the Hukbalahap has attacked other guerillas. One guerilla so far interviewed, also of Hendrickson's force, reported that he had heard of a meeting between a GHQ representative and one of the high leaders of Hukbalahap some two or three days ago. This guerilla said that at this meeting the Hukbalahap representative offered to cooperate with the American Army provided conditions were not:

1. That the Hukbalahap be recognized as an official government organ.
2. That the Hukbalahap be permitted to choose all government officials in the areas under their control.
3. That the Hukbalahap leaders themselves be placed in office.

CONDITIONS AT CONCEPCION:

Interviews to date indicate that the few Japs present in Concepcion departed about 2 weeks ago. The day after they left, the local Hukbalahap Squadron, numbering about 120 men, most of whom were armed, entered the city, carried away all Japanese equipment and stores, looted all public and private buildings of everything of value, including adding machines, typewriters and other similar equipment belonging to the municipality. Three safes in the Municipal building were blown open and all municipal records were strewn over the floor of the building. There is evidence to indicate that none of the vandalism or destruction in Concepcion is the work of the departing Japanese.

List of the known Squadron Commanders of the Hukbalahap (first names and Squadron numbers unknown):

Salva, Bitagkul, Alparo, Estrella, Sinpaoco.

Squadron #43 operates in the Concepcion area. The leader is reported to be using the alias "Betagcol." Is described as illiterate; 5' 7", 132#, with flat nose. Squadron #43 has been charged as being the squadron which looted the city of Concepcion.

End of report.



PROVINCE OF TARLAC
OFFICE OF THE PROVINCIAL BOARD

Date: Jan 23, 1945

TO : THE MEMBERS OF THE MUNICIPAL BOARD.

FROM : THE GOVERNOR OF TARLAC.

The Provincial Board of the Province of Tarlac formally announces the members of the Municipal Emergency Board of the town of CONCEPCION:

1. Mayor: DOMINADOR SANTOS
2. Vice-Mayor: LUCIANO TAYAG.
3. Municipal Treasurer: VICTORINO BASILIO.
4. Jefe De Defensa (Chief of Defense): CELESTINO TARUC.
5. Educational Director: SIMEON SICAT.

The Municipal Emergency Board will take office immediately upon receipt of this announcement.



EUSEBIO AQUINO (signed)
Col. Eusebio Aquino
Field Commander

FOR THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY COUNCIL:

By: THE PROVINCIAL BOARD.

MARCIAL REGALA (signed)
Col. Marcial Regala
Governor



IN THE FIELD
26 January 1945



Subject:- MEMORANDUM

TO:- THE COMMANDING OFFICER IN CONCEPCION

From:- The FIELD COMMANDER,
Northern Luzon Sector, HUKBALAHAP.

1. When Lt. Littlefield contacted us we have thru him expressed our welcome and gratitude greetings to General Krueger and the Forces of Liberation behind him. A copy of this letter was attached. We took for granted that this message was sent and that General Kreuger knows what the HUKBALAHAP (Hukbo ng Bayan Laban sa Hapon or "People's Anti-Japanese Army") stands for. Our Squadrons (companies) were mobilized to coordinate their movements on espionage, sabotage, ambushing and liberation attacks with your advancing forces thru Lt. Littlefield who was aided by Squadron #60. Attached also is a letter on this. We understood that our movement transmitted to officers of your Command.
2. On January 24th we received report that some American officers alledgely a Provost Marshall and Lt. Stilwell know something about the alledged 'disarming' by the MP of:

Capt. B. Philips - Staff member, Squadron 45 - .45 colt
Pvt. Leonardo de Leon - D.I., .45 automatic
Pvt. Bernabe Andaher - .45 colt

It was also reported in our headquarter that Lt. Stilwell questioned these three men about the American pilot that dropped near San Francisco, Concepcion. Said pilot was captured by the traitor P.C.'s (Philippine Constabulary under Japs' command) and the Japs in Concepcion before our men came to save him. Apparently you are supplied with distorted reports by some Filipino enlisted men whom you have lately recruited here - like the ex-P.C. men and ex-Puppets who wormed into your ranks and file. We wish to warn you about these traitors who wanted to double-cross the U.S. Army too. The GHQ of the HUKBALAHAP will take this up with General MacArthur for definite and detailed clarification.

3. When I went to Concepcion and greeted the Spearhead Unit on January 21st, I saw ex-PC men with the American soldiers, one of them is PABLO KIBALYO. There are also some who belong to Fajardo's group. (Fajardo is a renegade from the HUKBALAHAP Organization for his fascist crimes on the civilians; raping, robbing and sadistic killings of those they hate including Hukbalahap guerillas.) Right there I formed the notion that there is something wrong. I wanted to talk to Gen. Krueger but our representative was not permitted to see him. We therefore concentrated on harassing the Japs from the rear and mobilized our forces in coordination with your movements. We contact Lt. Littlefield about this. We evaded any trouble with Fajardo's men for this is a question to be settled later. Our main task is to drive out the fascist Japs.

4. We received reports from the Anti-Japanese barrio governments from Kaut, La Paz; from Kaluluan and Sta. Monica, Concepcion, that Fajardo's men are there again disarming and attempting to kill Hukbalahap guerillas who walked in same numbers. They also attempted to arrest members of the Barrio Councils. To maintain 'Peace and Order' there the people in those barrios demanded that Fajardo's men must be disarmed and imprisoned for public trial.
5. The HUKBALAHAP has been fighting even before Bataan fell. Inclosed you will also find a copy of the agreement with the Representatives of Col. Thorpe, Guerilla Leader. Other documents are also inclosed for the information of our past activities. The GHQ of the HUKBALAHAP is always ready for a conference with the Commanding Officer of the 6th Army, General Krueger and General MacArthur but we are not yet furnished connections from him.

Hoping for a Solid Anti-Japanese Offensive, With Victory Greetings:

FOR THE GHQ HUKBALAHAP:

s/ EUSEBIO AQUINO
t/ EUSEBIO AQUINO, Col.
Field Commander

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IN THE FIELD
26 January 45

Subject:- REQUEST

To :- The MP COMMANDER, CONCEPCION

FROM:- Col. EUSEBIO AQUINO
Field Commander
HUKBALAHAP

The HUKBALAHAP have fought for more than three (3) years against the Japs to cooperate in common fight of the Allies against Fascism in general and Japanese Militarism in particular. They have sacrificed thousand of lives of Filipino patriots and have killed more than 20,000 Japs and in all these struggles they have collected arms.

We, therefore, request the M.P. that the 3 arms taken from the 3 men of our organization be returned since we have to kill more doggoned Japs. Here is the list:

1. From Capt. B. Phillips - .45 Colt revolver
2. From Pvt. Leonardo de Leon - .45 Automatic pistol
3. From Pvt. Bernabe Andaher - .45 Colt revolver

We also request that you give us arms and ammunitions as we move our forces down south to harass the thick Japanese Concentration there. We have thousands of 'reserves' tested in battles but lacking arms and ammunitions.

For An Allied Victory,



s/ EUSEBIO AQUINO
Col. EUSEBIO AQUINO
Field Commander, G.H.Q.
HUKBALAHAP

/it

26 October 1944

TO : CABANGBANG

NR : 5

FURTHER INFORMATION DESIRED ON HUKBALAJAPS: WHO ARE LEADERS BOTH GENERAL AND LOCAL. WHERE ARE UNITS LOCATED AND IN WHAT STRENGTH. WHAT IS ARMAMENT AND EQUIPMENT. WHAT IS SOURCE OF SUPPLIES. WHAT ARE PURPOSE, ACTIVITIES, AND LOYALTIES OF THE GROUP.



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23 OCTOBER 1945

TO : GENERAL MACARTHUR

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NR 58 21 October

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Hukbala Jap activities: A. September fifth Japs evacuated the town of San Ildefonso, Bulacan. At 0200 September sixth, the Hukbala Jap entered the town and killed the Usfip supply officer and the gunner of the fourth Regiment. B. It is of common knowledge that the Hukbala Japs are menacing the town of Paombong, Bulacan, Calumpit and Hagondy. But the Japs do not attempt to stop the Hukbala Japs. The civilians other than the Hukbala Japs had to evacuate these towns. C. On July 21st to 24th the Bureau of Constabulary and Hukbala Japs fought. In spite of several casualties on both sides the Japs did not intervene until General Jose Delos Reyes, Provincial Governor of Bulacan, asked Col. Makino, Jap CO of Bulacan, if the Japs and the Hukbala Japs were in connivance. The Japs went to the place of fight and the fight just stopped and no attempt made to arrest the guilty officers. D. The Hukbala Japs are notorious and control Panapanga and yet the Japs make no attempt to stop the Hukbala Japs. It is believed by many intelligent observers that it is possible that the Japs are aiding the Hukbala Japs secretly to fight against the guerillas and the Bureau of Constabulary who are also aiding the guerillas.

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15 OCTOBER 44

TO : GENERAL MACARTHUR
FROM : TORRES
NR 1A-1: 14 OCTOBER

HUKBALAJAP, A COMMUNISTIC FILIPINO ORGANIZATION, RESUMED INTENSIVE ACTIVITY IN NORTH CENTRAL LUZON. MAYOR OF RIZAL MURDERED LAST WEEK. IT IS GREAT OBSTACLE IN ACCOMPLISHING OUR MISSION. MESSAGE CONCERNING MESSAGE PROCEDURE NOW BEING COMPILED BY THIS STATION.

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NR 1A-1 14 October

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16 FEBRUARY 1944

TO : GENERAL MACARTHUR

FROM : FERTIG

NR 705

UNIT IN CENTRAL LUZON LISTED AS GUErilla GROUP MODELLED AFTER COMMUNISTS GROUPS IN CHINA AND VERY ACTIVE IN HARASSING JAPS * LIST SUBMITTED BY F.P. HUKBALAJAPS BRANCH IN SOUTH MORE DISCIPLINED THAN IN CENTRAL, BUT LESS ACTIVE RANGERS OPERATING IN FORCE AND EXTENDING INTO BATANGAS, BUT MANY INFORMERS THERE.

29 MARCH 1944

TO : GENERAL MACARTHUR

FROM : FERTIG

NR 821

HUKBALAJAP (COMMUNISTS, ACTIVE IN ELIMINATION AND SABOTAGE AND BEST UNIT FOR CARRYING OUT PLANNED SABOTAGE PROGRAM), MARKINGS (LARGE DOUBTFUL).



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18 JUNE 1943

TO : GENERAL MACARTHUR
FROM : PERALTA
NR 407:

* * * * Jukpalajar composed civilians, member Socialist party, farmers, revolution veterans, some bandits. Have caused considerable damage, fight Japs, willing be allied of US but refuse be under them.

7 JUNE 1943

TO : GENERAL MACARTHUR
FROM : VILLAMOR
NR 69 :

Fukpala Jap - is abbrev of long Tagalog name meaning Unit to Fight Japs. Is for fighting spread Central and Southern Luzon.

TO : GENERAL MACARTHUR
FROM : PERALTA
NR 326 :



9 JUNE 1943

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Claim they have and can get info. Had connections with several officers who have been surrendering. Want no money or induction. Many suspect our radio connection.

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 Jose de Leon . . . Aliaga, Asst. Supreme Leader " "
 Jose Taguian . . . Aliaga (250 arms)
 Leonard Raindrop (American) Aliaga, N. Ecija, Exec. Officer
 Pedro Saulo . . .)
 Jose Saulo . . .) Sto. Tomas, Aliaga -- Financiers & Mouthpiece
 Tranquilo Lomboy . Picalcon, Cabanatuan (200 arms)
 Viernes . . . Talabotal Norte, Cabanatuan (150 arms)
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 Juan Banal . . . San Ildefonso, Bulacan (1,000 arms)
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Mariano Soro . . . "	Emilio Miranda . . . Muñoz
Palad, XXXXXXXX . . . San Jose	Lapitan . . . San Jose



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TARUC

Ruth Parson - Lesson officer Hy Hachel -
Lee Yung Shaw - " " Chinese Squadron to Hy -
~~Lee~~
Leong Ming - newspaper man in Manila



NOTES ON THE HUKBALAHAP



1. Total strength as claimed by the organization:
100 squadrons, each squadron approximately 100 men and officers or 10,000
2. Arms: at most 5000 men armed w/ rifles, pistols, shotguns, MG, and Tommies. Obtained from people in Bataan, the Constabulary, Japanese, and civilians. Also from other guerrilla units like USAFFE.
3. Ammo obtained from Bataan and other sources. New cal 45 rounds given away to Hukos by officers and men of a motorized reconnaissance unit - Apatit, Pampanga.
4. Food from civilians; controlled Dec harvest and demanded 10% of crops. Ordered town people to feed them.
5. Clothing also from town people, Constabulary, and wherever they could get it.
6. Known leaders: Pedro Abad Santos (now dead), Mr. Luis Taruc of San Luis, Pampanga, and Atty Francisco Ramos of Mabalacat, Pampanga. Hdqrs of these men were at Pambilog, San Luis, Pampanga, as of Jan 22, 1945. War

radio equipment there reported to have been captured at Calumpit Bulacan on or about 15 Jan 45. Hqrs believe to be heavily guarded.

7. Followers belonging to the lower class. Cases of squadron commanders not knowing how to write their names reported frequently.
8. HUKS are supposed to be anti-Japanese and undoubtedly anti USAFFE; ~~anti~~ and decidedly pro-Communism. They hate Filipinos who ~~waited~~ waited for the Allied Liberation Forces. They are not too happy about the coming of our forces into their territory. Found mostly in Pampanga and Bulacan, some in N. Ecuja and Tarlac. Some elements originally affiliated w/ the Socialists, Sakdala, Ganap.
9. They have ambitions to control the civil government. When our forces landed in Luzon they seized most municipal governments and placed their own officials who presented themselves to American officers.
10. They have been criticizing the Commonwealth of the Phil, especially the personnel of Pres. Osmeña.



11. My estimate of their loyalty to their own organization is low — esp. the lower class. I don't think the real objectives and policies and doctrines are fully understood by the lower ranks.
12. Rest of the people in different communities are NOT pro-HUK. They hate them but could not do anything because HUKS are armed.
13. They may not be in a position to do us harm now but they will be a sore thumb after our forces are gone from here. My first recommendation is to disarm them; second, investigate the leaders, esp the two mentioned in Par. 6; third, employ in public works those who may want to be employed. Recommend a policy of attraction first, then coercion if necessary.



SOURCE OF THIS INFO SECRET. They can identify me easily and they are trigger-happy. I want to continue the drive against them, and I want to get my children out of the country first as soon as practicable. RGS