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VASHINGTON 25, D. C.

EXTRACT

November 1, 1944

At the time of the fall of the Philippines, the Board of Economic Warfare, which was subsequently transferred by Executive Order to the Foreign Economic Administration, carried on its rolls the following employees:

Mr. Frederick H. Noble
Economic Specialist
c/o Office of the United States High Commissioner
Manila, Philippine Islands

Mr. Donald Llewellyn Cochran Junior Officer of Export Control c/o Frederick H. Noble

These employees are at present carried on our rolls in an undetermined status. The Administration, of course, desires to carry out necessary plans to assist the employees in any way possible, and we would desire that statements be secured from them in which the employees would indicate their wishes as regards their future status. This request is made since the employees were appointed in the Philippines, and it is problematical if they would desire to return to the United States.

It would, of course, also be helpful if the Commanding General would secure such information as would enable the Administration to make settlement under Section 2 of the Missing Persons Act.

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Dependents of commissioned and civilian employees of the Coast and Geodetic Survey, Department of Commerce who are absent under the Missing Persons Act.

	Name	Identification	Status	Pay due
Mrs,	Theodora H. Cowie	Widow of Comdr. George D. Cowie, killed	Interned at Camp Santo Tomas	\$3,676.25 due as a moult of six months' pay to widow. (death
Miss	Theodora Cowie	Dependent daughter of Comdr. George D. Cowie, killed (aged 18 in 1941)	Interned at Camp Santo Tomas	gratiuty). None
ars.	Doris E. Egner	Wife of Comdr. Carl A. Egner	Interned at Camp Santo Tomas	None
Mrs.	Leila M. Maynard	Wife of Clarence F. Maynard	Interned at Camp Santo Tomas	None
Mrs.	Katherine S. Morris	Wife of Lieut. George E. Morris	Interned at Camp Santo Tomas	None
Mary	Ann Morris	Dependent daughter of Lieut. George E. Morris (aged 4 in 1941)	Interned at Camp Santo Tomas	None
Scott	t Morris	Dependent son of Lieut. George E. Morris (aged 1 in 1941)	Interned at Camp Santo Tomas	None
drs.	Dorothy V. Stirni	Wife of Lieut, Joseph W. Stirni	Interned at Camp Santo Tomas	None

It is desired that each of these persons be transported to Washington, D. C., unless they express a desire to be sent elsewhere in the United States. Such temporary care or protection as they require is desired for them.

VETERANS ADMINISTRATION WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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October 28, 1944

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This agency has previously had correspondence with the United States High Commissioner to the Philippine Islands, Honorable Francis B. Sayre and Honorable Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, with regard to civilian employees of the former Manila Insular Office of this Administration, who presumably are interned by the Japanese Government. The names of the employees who are citizens of the United States are as follows:

William D. Cheek, Field Examiner CAF-7 \$2600 pa Dwight Shouse " CAF-7 \$2600 pa Frederick Seman " CAF-7 \$2700 pa

Additionally at last report the following nationals of the Philippine Islands were in the employ of the Veterans Administration Insular Office at Manila:

-Jesus R. Trinidad, Junior Stenographer \$420 pa \$420 pa Agapito Braga, \$1500 pa Assistant Clerk Jesus Sarmiento, \$1.15 pd nte \$420 pa wae Catalino Fausto, Interpreter \$1.50 pd nte \$540 pa wae Emilo Figueroa, 1.50 pd nte \$540 pa wae Leon A. Borrego, Dr. Juan Cabrega, Medical Officer \$3200 pa Clerk-Stenog. Aniceto M. Recio 420 pa Genaro Almadovar Jr. 800 pa Senior-Clerk Pascual Trinidad, 1500 pa Epifanio C. Bobadilla, Clerk-Stenog. 420 pa Junior-Stenographer \$420 pa Eugenio Millado, Mariano Capatulan, Chauffeur 300 pa Junior-Clerk-Typist 1140 pa Pelagio Mopas, Eduardo Avelino, Junior-Stenographer 540 pa

Obviously, this Administration will look forward to receiving news of these employees as well as any available information regarding the affairs of the Insular Office in Manila.

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FEDERAL SECURITY AGENCY U. S. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE Washington 14 (Bethesda Station)

November 1, 1944

EXTRACT

At the outbreak of the war the following officers of this Service were on duty with the Public Health Service in the Philippines:

Medical Director Howard F. Smith
Passed Assistant Surgeon Fred J. Black
Assistant Surgeon Albert N. Sarwold
Passed Assistant Surgeon Virgil J. Forset
Passed Assistant Surgeon James A. Grider, Jr.
Passed Assistant Surgeon Floyd A. Hawk

Since these officers could not perform their regular duties after the outbreak of the war, the Secretary of War under date of February 16, 1942, requested that they be officially detailed to the War Department. Medical Director Smith was selected by General MacArthur as his aide-de-camp and accompanied the General to Australia when he departed from the Philippines. The remaining five officers were captured by the Japanese and unless freed in the recent invasion of the Islands, are still prisoners of war.

In the event these officers are liberated by our invading forces, it is our desire that they be returned to the United States and ordered back to duty with the Public Health Service for reassignment, unless, of course, the demands upon their professional services in the field of public health warrants their retention with the Army. There is an informal agreement with the Surgeon General's Office, War Department whereby the services of our officers will be utilized only for preventive medicine activities.

Any word regarding these officers would be greatly appreciated.

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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
WASHINGTON

Nov - 7 1944

Your letter of October 21, to the Director of Personnel, Department of the Interior, regarding civilian employees of this Department in the Philippines who are subject to the provisions of the Missing Persons Act, has been received. The Interior Department will be very glad to cooperate with your board in this matter, and I attach for your information a list of employees of the Office of the United States High Commissioner to the Philippine Islands who are affected by the above mentioned act.

It will be noted that there are 27 American citizens listed, 15 of whom made arrangements prior to capture to have their salaries paid to allottees or deposited to their credit in United States banks. Not all of these employees have been officially reported by the Japanese Government as interned, but all are under enemy control, and probably all are now interned. Two are married to British subjects, and the Japanese apparently list such persons as nationals of the country of the husband.

Attention is invited, in particular, to the remarks following the names which indicate that close relatives and, in some cases, dependent children or parents are interned.

The Department is in touch with next of kin in this country of all of these people, except in the cases of Moses, Cropper, Drummond, and Mack. These men, who had been residents of the Philippines for many years, were all ex-servicemen who had retired or been discharged in the Philippines, and our records regarding them are not complete.

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