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TO : C.O. REC. PER. DIVISION HQ AFWESPAC APO 700
ATT. CAPT. GRUBER

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In processing civilian personnel under the Missing Persons Act, we are currently running into numerous laborers who were employed at the building of the Zamboanga Airport. This project was started in November of 1941 and was terminated because of the Japanese invasion in March 1942. Many of these laborers have worked four and five months continuously on this project. At present we are processing this project as an emergency war installation. We are filling out the short, one page form GSXRP Form 220 on all laborers.

Because of the time this project was started, and the length of time these laborers worked, if you deem it advisable for us to process them on GSXRP Form No. 4, please advise me by return mail and we will reprocess those we have already done.

I feel that since these laborers have worked on no other war department project, and since their jobs would have terminated at the completion of the airfield, they can be classified as temporary workers, and therefore will not come under the Missing Persons Act.

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