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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

The undersigned was hired in 1941 as Principal Clerk in the Office of the Department Quartermaster Personnel Division, Manila, and on January 1, 1942, I was promoted to Chief Clerk of the Department Quartermaster, in the Field, Bataan and held that position until the capitulation of Bataan on April 9, 1942. I am now being returned to the United States for medical treatment and before leaving I want to express my gratitude to the following four men for their untiring services and unwavering loyalty during that period. The men referred to are: GENATO M. BUHAY, ANTONIO M. LUNA, RAMON ANTONIO and MANUEL GAERLAN.

These four men accompanied me to Bataan and continued working with the QUARTERMASTER in their regular capacities during the entire time we were besieged in Bataan. Often they were required to work as long as fifteen to eighteen hours a day, for which they received no additional compensation. Despite the danger involved, they stayed at their post and continued their work in the midst of heavy artillery fire and frequent bombing. Their faithfulness and loyalty under these conditions were particularly commendable.

Upon the surrender of Bataan, these men refused to surrender to the Japanese and made their way through the jungles back to Manila, where, I am informed, they rendered every possible aid to the American forces. During the past years Mr. BUHAY had been an active member of the Luzon Guerilla Army Forces and had engaged in harassing the Japanese in the central part of Luzon. BUHAY, ANTONIO, and LUNA are all classified civil service employees and were receiving in Bataan \$1,200, \$1,320, and \$900 per annum respectively, while GAERLAN was a temporary employee, employed in Manila and taken to Bataan at a salary of \$900 per annum. These four men are all competent clerks, and I would be happy to have them again in the service with me should I return to the Philippines.

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A True Copy
Roy E. Shocks
A. L. Cole

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Chief Clerk
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Summary Court Officer

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