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Policy to determine final date for submission of claims & date of payment.

Civ. Adj. Sec. Chief, Recovered Personnel Division (Thru Channels) 20 July 1945

1. Present procedure, policies or directives state that civilians, formerly employees of the War Department who are determined to come within the purview of the Missing Persons Act and therefore entitled to benefits under the provisions of such Act, shall be paid up to the date of reporting or return to control.

2. That date has been determined for those civilian War Department former employees residing in Manila and immediate vicinity to be 28 Feb 45. Inasmuch as the Philippine Islands have been officially declared to be "liberated", information is requested as to whether the date of such liberation should be also determined to be the date on which payment of arrears would cease for those outside the Manila Area and on the various islands where an opportunity has not as yet been afforded for the submission of claims. Or should the date of 28 Feb 45 be used, or any arbitrarily determined subsequent date for computing purposes?

3. This section has received and processed as of this date 15,484 cases out of an estimated 20,000 cases which may or may not be the number eventually to be received, as there is no basis for any actual determination. The figure of 20,000 was arrived at from payrolls submitted to this office from OSSA and other sources such as recovered records, copies of payrolls etc., Par 3, Incl #4 Letter TAG, 7 Nov 44, File AG 704 (30 Sept 44) OB-S-E-A-M, places the figure at only 2150. In this connection it is also suggested, if thought to be feasible, a date be determined which would be the last date on which affidavits claiming benefits under the provisions of the Act would be accepted for processing.

4. The determination of such a date as suggested in Par 2 above would conserve government funds. The determination of a date as suggested in Par 3 above would enable the Division to arrive at a definite figure of total civilian cases to be processed, rather than allow it to drag indefinitely. It is felt, however, that if a date should arbitrarily be determined to be

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the last date for the acceptance of claims, every means possible should be used to make public such date, such as newspapers or publications, radio, etc., and facilities made available for the submission of claims by those living in outlying areas. Two areas where there are known to be a fairly substantial number of cases to be processed are Cebu and Iloilo.

5. It should be borne in mind however in considering the suggestions herein contained, that out of the 15,484 cases so far processed 7,527 were automatically eliminated as not being Project "J", which would leave the potential load at approximately 12,000 cases if the total estimate of 20,000 is theoretically correct.

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