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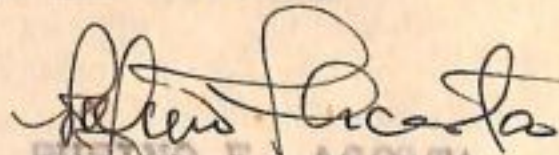
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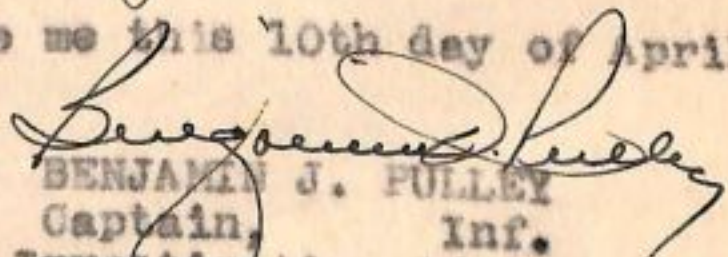
RUFINO F. ACOSTA, 2nd Lieutenant, Philippine Army, now assigned with the 9th Battalion Concor, after having duly sworn, deposes and says:

At the outbreak of war on 8 December 1941, up to April 1942, I was Commanding Officer of "G" Company, 22nd Infantry Regiment. That during that time, during constant contact with the Japanese as combat force, my duties during the entire campaign were as Company Commander of G Company. I was on Bataan in the latter part of December 1941 ~~to~~^{OR} the 1st of January of 1942. That I had no connection whatsoever with any Engineer construction on Bataan, and that I do not know any person by the name of Gonzalo C. Torrico or Romeo H. Baluyot. That the only knowledge that I have on such construction was hearsay from labor battalion workers as they passed through our lines going to the rear to escape from the Japanese forces.

I swear that the above statements are true and correct according to the best of my knowledge and belief.


RUFINO F. ACOSTA

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10th day of April, 1946.


BENJAMIN J. PULLEY
Captain, Inf.
Investigating Officer

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CHEMICAL WARFARE SCHOOL
EDGEWOOD ARSENAL, MARYLAND

FIS/mmm
16 August 1946

Memorandum To: Colonel Stuart A. Hamilton
Deputy Commander
Edgewood Arsenal, Maryland

1. Photograph of subject claimant is that of the driver that was hired on Bataan.

2. It is the opinion of the undersigned that all Filipino civilian employees were paid up to approximately March 1942. I remember Capt. Daniel going for the money. It may be that this was only partial payment. I remember the workers from the civilian refugee camps on the Mariveles cut-off that built our bodegas were paid and it is my recollection that the other civilian workers were also paid.

Frank L. Schaf, Jr.
FRANK L. SCHAF, JR.
Captain, C. W. S.

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GRANT S. WILCOX
Assistant Director, Team #2

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Hq., First Bn. TABR, TIS Fort Benning, Georgia, 9 January 1947

TO: The Chief of Claims, AFWESPAC

1. The native civilian drivers of the commandeered civilian vehicles were often attached directly to the companies using them. Also, all vehicles of the regiment were called into the Second Corps pool several times for use on missions, and when I again drew my authorized number they were often partly replaced by other vehicles and drivers. Hence I did not get to know the men and cannot tell you the names of any of the native drivers.

2. I sent rosters of the civilian drivers to Headquarters Philippine Department. Perhaps they are still in existence. I destroyed my copies before my capture by the Japanese to prevent reprisals against the natives.

3. No official rate of pay was ever published according to my knowledge. I attempted to ascertain this several times as the drivers went several months without pay. I finally obtained one partial pay of about P70.00 on or about 1 February 1942. This is all they received to my knowledge.

/t/ CLARENCE R. BESS
Major, Infantry

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

GRANT S. WILCOX
Asst. Director, Team #2

1639 "K" Herran, Paco, Manila
24 June 1947

Re: Tulliso, Pedro
PRO - 8493

The Chief
Claims Service
Philippines-Ryukyus Command
Apo 707

S i r :

With reference to your letter re above named individual, I have the honor to inform you that the 12th Inf. Regiment, 11th Division, commandeered in December, 1941 several buses of the Rural Transit Company together with their respective drivers for the use of the unit in its withdrawal from the Cagayan Valley to Bataan in December, 1941. Among said drivers was Pedro Tulliso who reached Bataan.

Drivers of following vehicles were given monthly salaries as follows:

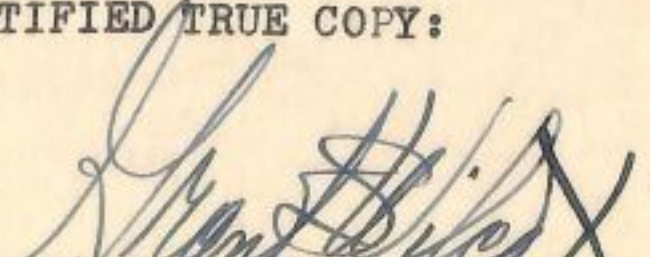
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Turcks (2 tons or over-----	P80.00

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Very respectfully,

/s/ Simon L. Guillermo
/t/ SIMON L. GUILLERMO
Captain, Infantry

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GRANT S. WILCOX
Asst. Director, Team #2

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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
HEADQUARTERS
17TH FINANCE DISBURSING SECTION (AP)
San Fernando, La Union

11 June 1947

The Director,
Claim Service, Manila Branch

Attention: T. C. Dukes

Dear Sir:

I was in receipt of your letter dated 14 May 1947, re claim of Mr. Epifanio Alucema, Civilian Employee of the 11th Motor Transport Company, 11th Division, PA.

The undersigned recollects, that several drivers has been employed by the 11th Division at the rate of ₱80.00 and ₱120.00 a month. The undersigned, further recollects that some drivers had been paid from date of induction to service on or 8 December, 1941 up to and including 31 March 1942. However, the undersigned further remember that some were only paid up to 28 February 1942.

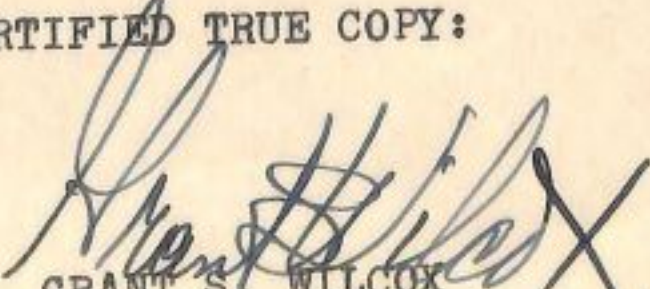
In the case of Mr. Alucema I cannot particularly recollect his name.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Gregorio G Carzon
GREGORIO G CARZON
Captain, FS, PA
DO., 17th FDS

CGC/d*

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GRANT S. WILCOX
Asst. Director, Team #2

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Mexico, D. F.
May 2nd, 1947

War Department
Claims Service
Philrycom API 707
c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, Calif.

ATTENTION: BENJAMIN J. PULLEY
Capt., Inf.
Claims Investigation Service

Dear Sirs:

With reference to your PRO-8195. To the best of my memory, I wish to state the following.

- 1.) As stated in my letter of April 8, 1946, upon assuming command of Motor Pool #6, I entered into the making up and clearing of discrepancies in the payroll of drivers and mechanics.
- 2.) I definitely remember the employment of Mr. Anatolio F. Canubsuban as a driver-mechanic and that the rate of pay was ₱2.00 daily.
- 3.) As you can well understand, I am not in a position to recall the exact number of days for which he was unpaid. However, in view of the excellent services performed by him during our period in Bataan and also the numerous occasions in which he helped out various prisoners concentrated at Cabanatuan, Camp #1, it is my honest belief that Mr. Canubsuban's claim is honest.

I would be inclined to believe that he had not been paid since January 9, 1942 as, while I cannot recall individual names of those who had received only 30 days payment, I distinctly remember there were quite a few on the payroll I made up which had January 9, 1942 as the last day of payment.

Trusting the above will suffice to secure the payment for which I believe Mr. Canubsuban is entitled, I remain,

Sincerely,

RFH:dlm

c/o Studebaker Panamericana, S.A.
Balderas 33
Mexico, D. F.

/s/ Richard F. Hedrick
/t/ Richard F. Hedrick

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/s/ Paul D. Perrine
/t/ PAUL D. PERRINE
Investigator

GRANT S. WILCOX
Asst. Director, Team #2

HEADQUARTERS
MILITARY POLICE COMMAND PHILIPPINE ARMY
Balintawak

10 February 1947

SUBJECT: Claim of Nicolas Banayo

TO : Chief, Claims Service, Philrycom

1. Mr. Nicolas Banayo rendered services with the 51st Division, USAFFE from 24 December 1941 to 30 December 1941 and drove for the undersigned during that period;

2. After the period mentioned above he was transferred to drive for Lt. Col. Ricardo Poblete until the time he surrendered to the enemy;

3. There was no clear instructions from higher headquarters with regards to rate of pay but the undersigned understood that the minimum rate of pay prevailing at the time was fifty pesos (P50.00) per month.

Jose C. Limpo
JOSE C. LIMPO
1st Lt QMS

QMDKC 151 (7 Oct 46)

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MAQ/jm

Kansas City Quartermaster Depot, 601 Hardesty Avenue, Kansas City 1, Missouri,
18 October 1946

TO: Chief of Claims, Claims Service, AFWESPAC, APO 707, San Francisco, Calif.

1. In regard to Paragraph 2, basic communication, Pool #1 was commanded by Lt. Colonel Austin J. Montgomery, OMC, now in Tokyo as a witness in the Japanese war trials. Pool #2 was commanded by Lt. Colonel George E. Orr, OMC (CAC).

2. The other pool commanders, as far as I know, are dead. The following personnel, however, may be able to help you determine who the drivers were who served with us in Bataan.

- a. Mr. Robert Burke; last known address: 1580 Filbert Street, San Francisco, California. Executive Officer for the Commanding Officer of Pool #4.
- b. Mr. Ray R. Derrick, Major, AUS, who was in charge of reclamation under my command in Bataan. In civilian life he was the Manager of Pantrance at Cabanatuan, Nueva Ecija, Philippine Islands. Believed to be in Manila. *(Motor Pool #4.6)*
- c. Mr. Max Blouise, Manager of the Batangas Transportation Company, now a resident of Manila.
- d. Mrs. Floyd Cettrell, widow of the Manager of Pambusco, at San Fernando Pampanga.
- e. Captain Richard F. Hedrick, who was last known to be living in Manila.
- f. Mr. Jose M. Luna, now on duty in the Claims Office, who was Chief Clerk of the Philippine Motor Transport Depot until the evacuation of Manila in December 1941.

In addition to the above, the records of the Luzon Transport Company, a government subsidiary of the Headquarters at Manila, should be of some assistance to you.

3. The rate of pay was, to the best of my recollection, fifty pesos a month and rations. It is doubtful that anyone drew any pay after 31 January 1942, for the simple reason that there was no way to spend any money in Bataan and there was no possibility of getting money out of Bataan to the families.

4. There are still living in Manila, Philippine Scouts who were under my command before and during the war; -- a 2nd Lieutenant Candide Mitane and Sergeant Victoriano Jagaline. They may be able to give you some information regarding these civilians who served under me.

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

Benjamin J. Pulley
BENJAMIN J. PULLEY
Investigating Officer

/s/ M.A. Quinn
/t/ M.A. QUINN
Colonel OMC
Commanding

Lt. Col. GEORGE E. ORR, GAC.
APO- 25016
New York, New York

PRO- 8219

4 December 1946

Subject: Claim of Mrs. DOMINGA ACEDO.

To: Chief of Claims, Headquarters Claims Service, AFWESPAC,
APO - 707 Postmaster, San Francisco, California, U S A
Attention of: Captain Benjamin J. Pulley, Infantry,
Claims Investigating Service.

1. The undersigned has no records pertaining to these matters as the Japanese relieved us of all papers that we did not ourselves destroy prior to capture.
2. Inasmuch as we had hundreds of Filipino civilians in our employ it is perhaps understandable that the undersigned does not remember the person of BUENAVENTURA ACEDO.
3. The only item of interest as far as the undersigned can shed light upon is that all civilians employed at Motor Pool No. 2, indicated in basic letter, is that they were paid in full to include March 31, 1942. In the first couple of months on BATAAN many of these civilian drivers and other employees were retained by the original units which obtained them and did not revert to control of the Philippine Motor Transport Depot until the closing days of our stay on BATAAN. And while every effort was made toward having up to date and complete records it is quite probable that many individuals were not listed at all, and if some were killed and taken over by a burial party we might not know what ever did become of them.
4. It is possible that the GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE on BATAAN had records in this respect as we knew at the time that they did have fairly complete reports, although the undersigned has no knowledge of the disposition of such records.
5. It is realized how little and meager the information available to the Claims Service can retain in cases of this kind and the undersigned regrets that he can be of no more assistance than that set forth above in this particular claim.

1 Incl.
Letter PRO- 8219
30 October 1946

GEORGE E. ORR
Lt. Col., GAC

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HEADQUARTERS
PHILIPPINES, RYUKYUS COMMAND
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF CLAIMS SERVICE

AFO 707
26 June 1947

Lieutenant Colonel Austin J. Montgomery
Care of Mrs. A. H. Montgomery
14754 Greenleaf Street
Van Nuys, California

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the claim for unpaid wages filed by Hilarion M. Espinosa for services allegedly rendered to the U.S. Army.

Claimant states that prior to the outbreak of war, he was a driver for the Manila Yellow Taxi Cab Company, whose services were commandeered on 8 December 1941 when the facilities of that company were taken over by the U.S. Army; that on 31 December 1941, he was sent to Bataan driving a truck full of supplies; that upon reaching Bataan, he was assigned to Motor Pool #1 until its surrender on 9 April 1942; and, that for services rendered for the period 1 January to 9 April 1942, he was never paid.

Available information indicate that you were in charge of Motor Pool #1 at Bataan. If you still recall subject claimant as having been assigned under your command, request verification of the foregoing allegations and certify, giving emphasis on his employment status, rate of pay and period for which he was not paid.

In addition, please furnish this office with your statement stating in detail your knowledge of the activities of Motor Pool #1, names of U.S. Army personnel assigned to that Motor Pool, names of responsible civilian employees who can certify to facts relative to that Motor Pool and other data that may help this office in processing of claims being filed by persons who alleged employment with that installation. Personal records you can forward to this office are most welcome and will be appreciated.

This case has been assigned number PRO 8817. When replying, please refer to this number.

Sincerely yours,

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

GRANT S. WILCOX
Acting Director, Team #2

/s/ Paul D. Perrine
/t/ PAUL D. PERRINE
Director, Team #2

10 December 1946

SUBJECT: Claim of Ignidio Ramos

TO: Headquarters, Claims Service, AFWESPAC
Office of the Chief of Claims

1. I was Commanding Officer of a medical collecting company, designated Company "C", 12th Medical Battalion, (PS) during the greater part of the campaign in Bataan in 1942. When the war began, a large number of commercial vehicles and civilian drivers were employed by USAFFE for transportation purposes. Out of this pool of vehicles, a group of about eight small Willys taxicabs and four buses were assigned to my unit, for use as ambulances, only a few hours before we departed from Ft. William McKinley to the field on 10 December 1941. We set out from Ft. William McKinley at night in convoy without lights. Two of the taxicabs either broke down or were lost from the convoy before we got out of the city of Manila on 10 December 1941. In the march one bus overturned in a ditch and had to be abandoned. The balance got to the field with the unit. During the campaign, the taxicabs, one by one, broke down, so we finally ended up with three buses. Some of the drivers, even after their vehicles were broken down, remained with the unit and assisted in the operation of the government vehicles.

2. The claimant, Ignidio Ramos, very likely was one of these drivers. I do not recall their names now. I never did know the terms under which these drivers were employed. To my knowledge none of them ever were paid. No one in my unit was paid. I will say that most of these men were faithful in the performance of their duties and I was often amazed at their ability to make the old "rattle trap" vehicles keep going. Several remained with the unit until the surrender, operating the vehicles. I cannot say for certain, but I have a vague recollection that one of these drivers was named Ramos.

3. My unit departed from Ft. William McKinley on 10 December 1941; was one the Guegua-Porac-Angles line from 11 December to about 26 December 1941; had a detachment on the road between Dinalupihan and Olan-gapo during that time; then was on the Abucay line from about 27 December 1941 to 26 January 1942; on the west coast, about KP 198, in support of the engagement with Jap forces on Anyasan and other points along the coast from 26 January to about 31 March 1942; then back to the east coast, in the vicinity of Linao until the Jap breakthrough; then withdrawal to Little Baguio, KP 169. Other officers with the unit were Capt. Ierman, Capt. Van de Velde and Lt. Hall. If the claimant can relate this history, he is almost certain to have been with us.

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

Paul D. Perrine

PAUL D. PERRINE
Director, Team #2

/t/ JOHN W. RAULSTON
Lt. Col., Medical Corps
United States Army

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COMMUNICATION SECTION
THE ENGINEER SCHOOL

27 December 1946

SUBJECT: Claim of Deogracias G. Santos

TO : Office of Claims.

1. Deogracias G. Santos, was last paid for the month March, 1942. He has pay coming for the month of April and up to the 6th of May. Whether or not he will be paid for the time that he was a prisoner of war I don't know.

2. There was eleven (11) more men on the same boat and they also have money coming to them. The reason these men were not paid was that when Bataan surrendered all the records were destroyed and I was waiting for new records to be made out on Corrigidor, but you know that we were under the gun there and the records were never made out.

3. Would it be possible for me to get this mans address from your office as I would like to write to him.

4. If you get any more claims in of this type I would like for your to forward same to me because there is one in particular that should not be paid. I don't know his name but I think if seen it I would remember the name.

I remain,

/s/ RALPH W. POPE
/t/ M/Sgt. RALPH W. POPE RA 6894597
Senior Instructor in
Communication Section.

My Address is :

M/Sgt. Ralph W. Pope
U-87-D Grays Hill Village
Fort Belvoir, Virginia

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GRANT S. WILCOX
Asst. Director, Team #2

1011 North Eugene St.
Greensboro, North Carolina
December 1, 1946

Subject: Claim of Manuel D. Flores

TO : Headquarters Claims Service AFWESPAC Office of the
Chief of Claims.

1. There was a person by the name of Manuel D. Flores employed in the Motor Transport Service in Bataan and was located in Motor Pool No. 3 under my command at Km.No. 163.5.
2. If this is the same person his claim is in error as follows:
 - a. The rate of pay for drivers or chaffeurs was P 50.00 per month and not \$2.0 per day.
 - b. The drivers in this motor pool were paid at the above rate for the period of January 1, 1942 thru February 28, 1942. They were not paid for the month of March 1942 and that period of April from the first thru the ninth, the date of the surrender of Bataan.
 - c. A supplementary payroll was prepared for all of the drivers covering the period of December 10th, 1941 until January 1, 1942 but due to the absence of several of the drivers on April 8, 1942 when I paid everyone present there were approximately thirty drivers who were unpaid for this period. The unpaid position of this supplementary payroll was returned to the Motor Transport Headquarters on the night of April 8, 1942 and I am unable to recall the names of those unpaid.

/t/ Benjamin Frederick Stakes
Major, Infantry AUS

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GRANT S. WILCOX
Asst. Director, Team #2

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1639 "K" Herran, Paco, Manila
24 June 1947

Re: Tulliao, Pedro
PRO - 8493

The Chief
Claims Service
Philippines-Ryukyus Command
Apo 707

S i r :

With reference to your letter re above named individual, I have the honor to inform you that the 12th Inf. Regiment, 11th Division, commandeered in December, 1941 several buses of the Rural Transit Company together with their respective drivers for the use of the unit in its withdrawal from the Cagayan Valley to Bataan in December, 1941. Among said drivers was Pedro Tulliao who reached Bataan.

Drivers of following vehicles were given monthly salaries as follows:

Automobiles -----	P60.00
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Buses of the Rural Transit were classified within the 2 tons or over. The undersigned remembers very well that all civilian drivers who stayed with the 12th Infantry Regiment, 11th Division up to 9 April 1942 were paid their salaries up to and including 28 February 1942. There were those, however, who were transferred to several units such as the Corp Motor Pool, the Division Motor Pool and others sometime in January 1942. They were not paid by me their salaries in December and in January, 1942. The undersigned does not now exactly remember if Pedro Tulliao was one of those transferred to other units.

Very respectfully,

/s/ Simon L. Guillermo
/t/ SIMON L. GUILLERMO
Captain, Infantry

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GRANT S. WILCOX
Asst. Director, Team #2

1st Ind.

10 January 1947

WALTER J. HEWITT, MAJOR, SIGNAL CORPS, Legal Section,
G.H.Q., SCAP, APO 500, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco,
California.

TO: Chief of Claims, Office of Chief of Claims,
Hq. Claims Service AFWESPAC, APO 707. Attn: Captain
Benjamin J. Pulley, Claims Investigating Service.

1. The undersigned has sent to the States and
received from his home various papers and notes per-
taining to some of the personnel present with him in
Bataan from December 1941 to April 1942. However, he
has no specific information therein reference the
claimant REMIGIO P. TORRES.

2. About forty civilians were attached to the
12th Sig. Co. (PS) as drivers by the G-4 Philippine
Division, Name Unknown, during the Bataan campaign.
All records reference these personnel were lost at
the time of the fall of Bataan.

3. A photograph or snapshot of the claimant and
a detailed statement from him reference his activities
with the company and a general historical summary of
the activities and places of bivouac of the 12th Sig.
Co. (PS), together with names of persons he may remember,
would assist me greatly in my attempt to definitely
identify him.

4. Each civilian who worked for the 12th Signal
Co. (PS) during the Bataan campaign, and was present
with me at the fall of Bataan, was given a slip of
paper by me on 10 April 1942 attesting to that fact.

5. I never paid any of these civilian personnel
myself, and don't know what pay, if any, they ever
received.

WALTER J. HEWITT
Major, Signal Corps

The Chief of Claims, Office of Chief of Claims,
U.S. Claims Service, 410 York Avenue, New York 10017,
has been advised by the undersigned that the following

1. The undersigned has been advised that the following
received from his home various papers and other
relating to some of the personal property with him in
taken from December 1941 to April 1942. However, he
has no specific information regarding the names of the
claimant WALTER J. REWITT.

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2. About forty civilians were attached to the
15th Sig. Co. (PS) as drivers by the 9th Air Division
Division, Name Unknown, during the Bataan campaign.
All records reference these personnel were lost at
the time of the fall of Bataan.

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a detailed statement from him reference his activities
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Relative to Wage Payments on ~~Batman~~

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