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TO OUR COMRADES:

THIS is to acknowledge gratefully your timely advice to us regarding the recent developments of the times. We are even very proud to add that in several conversations with eye-witnesses to the several air-raids and bombings, a good number of those intrepid aviators are of our own blood and that they are fresh graduates of different schools of aviation in America. We have actually seen with our very eyes the numerous propaganda being shown around- the " I SHALL RETURN" packages of cigarettes and candies. Without any single doubt in our minds, we can say to ourselves that our longed-for salvation is at hand . In this feeling may we humbly re-iterate - torn - beck our one and only concern ever since - torn - Japanese bomb dropped in these isles of peace and contentment - torn - every additional day under the Japanese lags brings only hatred and discontentment against that action. Now that we see the end of this rule of slavery and tyranny, we are at once over-joyed yet philosophical.

LEST we forget the obvious with our excitement, it is the humble mission of this note to remind our loyal friends and comrades in hinding of that simple yet wise saying:

"Be -torn- the cup and the lip,
 There may yet be a slip..."

THIS bit of wisdom does not in anyway show a trace of doubt in our minds of our ultimate victory. Rather, to insure that to come, from flaws and shortcomings that may beset it, it is with a spirit of cooperation that we now humbly speak our opinion fearlessly, as we know we are dealing with men of honor and integrity, as we know, regarding that part of your warning wherein officials and employees of the government of the so-called Republic vacate their posts and surrender their arms if they have any:

AT the outset, the humble authors of this note do not possess any firearms. Without doubt this part of the warning is intended for the constabulary and armed policemen. It is for this reason that we believe the warning is chiefly intended for the constabulary, for this organization is about the only entity now that is allowed to possess firearms by the Japanese. It is that part of the warning which our officials and employees on your part to hear to what in utmost humility, we beg to say, as would a subordinate explain something to his superior.

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WE are not to mention names and places in this communication, trusting more in the understanding that, without doubt, you our friends possess. We are in the government with one single purpose in mind- service to the Filipino people. To us it would be useless asking to what government our loyalty is directed; to what flag our hearts beat; to what nation our allegiance has been given. With the only difference that you are hingind while we are in the open, we can boast and prove it that everything between you and us are equal and the same; the hatred that burns, the hoe that lives, the feeling that sustains us. We can give you as witnesses your own men who frequent our places and who mingle with us. It shall not surprise you, I hope, that we have the same thought, and that was much and possibly more than they - torn -
 - torn - can only ask what forms of aid, monetary or
 - torn - has been continually given by us in a sublime
 - torn - You can ask from your own men what sufferings we undertake while we are in the towns, what sacrifices we willingly gave, that you in whom our last shreds and reys of hope repose may continue to keep ever burning that - torn -
 - torn - rations whic we in our limited circumstances and surrounding cannot openly admit and advocate without danger to lives.

WE seem to go very far. The point we would like to stress is that -torn - is not yet the time for us here in the town to leave our posts. Leave it, that we SHALL, without waiting for -torn- to come to us. But WHEN? As to the date set in your warning, we humbly submit the same to be premature. We beg to bring this picture to your observation and consideration.

"A dese-torn- town, at least a government building with no employees in it. A town market with no order in it. Petty complaints not attended to. Scrupulous individuals taking advantage of absence of law and order. Hundreds of people in need of help through charity and contribution."

WHAT would this state of circumstances show to the Japanese who are yet around, and who have plans of increasing their numbers in these vicinities? Would they not corral the towns people, the officials and employees mostly, thorturing and killing some of them? Would not these turn of events effect your people who derive in part your support from us? Do you realize that our peace in the town work to your advantage, that some of you may come down unnoticed and without danger of being suspected.

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OUR freedom is near at hand. We crave for it much more than you do. We would want to enjoy and have it much stronger than you do. Would we let a last mistake or carelessness destroy this hope, this longing? Would we want to be caught in the last part of the game when victory is within grasp? No, and we believe that this is the time when each and everyone of us should be most careful lest a single mistake may affect the whole tribe of us.

WE ARE WITH YOU, ALWAYS WITH YOU. TRUST THAT WHEN THE JUDICIOUS MOMENT COMES WE KNOW WHAT TO DO. WE ARE UNDER YOUR ORDERS AS ALWAYS BUT AS FREE PEOPLE IN A FREE GOVERNMENT WE HAVE KNOWN AND WILL KNOW AGAIN. LET US WORK TOGETHER. WE WILL ALWAYS OBEY YOU, *TORN* LISTEN TO OUR APPEAL ALSO.

From your Comrades,

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- I- List of officers and enlisted men's families made destitute due to the war.
 - J- List of USAFFE or organized guerrillas men who surrendered to the enemy voluntarily, or who through their own misconduct or carelessness allow themselves to be taken prisoner.
6. Subsequent running report will indicate whether an item or items is a corrected data, new or added item.

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