

COL E. P. ELLSWORTH ATR. TO A. M. DAVID

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LOZON MARKING'S GUERRILLAS
 GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
 "More Victory Ahead"

April 23, - 44

Col. A. M. David
 Present

(STAMPED SEAL)
 (FIL-AMERICAN)
 (IRREGULAR)
 (TROOPS)

My dear Colonel David:

I am directing and dictating this letter from my bedside in a private institution where I have been confined due to ill-health contracted from Bataan. You can surmise that also I am assuming the full responsibility in penning my personal decision in and for the absence of the great majority of the members of the board composing the Staff including the Chief of Staff himself due to the most dangerous situation in which you and our men find at present as prisoners of Marking's outfit.

I have given the matter every thorough consideration and in view of the power vested upon me as successor and head of the Fil-American Irregular Troops. I have decided that your liberty and the salvation of the lives of our men held prisoners by Marking depend solely upon our agreeing to use the forces of the FAIT with theirs.

Personally unable to cope with the situation on account of the quadruple vigilance they are exerting over me as well as on the members of the FAIT suspected by them. I have come to conclude that the fusion of all organizations to that of Marking's would be most commendable and you can use this letter as testimonial to this effect in order to stop at once the hostilities between the factions involved and to prevent further bloodshed and loss of lives of our own brothers and comrades in arms. I realize the futility of further resistance when you consider the thousand and one handicaps and the predicaments our troops are facing (the men under you are no exception) at present, aware at the same time of the rigidity of the vigilance with which all of them are now exerting to apprehend all of the sympathizers to the cause. Understand too that we really have only one common enemy to fight against and it is for the annihilation of this common enemy that we should strive to combine forces now with those of our own brothers.

I am directing this letter to you personally, for as head of the force under your able command in Laguna and Rizal, you are my personal representative invested with the full responsibility of carrying on to the last the noble policy of my predecessor Col. Straughn. In the fastness of the mountains where you are at present located Gen. Agustin is recognized as the supreme head. It is an admitted fact that he has actively maintained his forces up to the standard from the fall of Bataan up to the present, and fusing our forces with his and those of Col. Terry M. should make the whole outfit stronger better equipped and thoroughly trained, and the men with more liberty to carry on with our fight against our common enemy and their cohorts.

If this fusion will assure me of your liberty and those of the men with you, then you may present this testimonial to Gen. Agustin with due respect and assurance that we are ready to abide by his terms and that we recognize him as head of the guerrilla forces under his command. It will give me pleasure to receive a personal message from him assuring me of your safety and liberty and to hasten in writing the fusion of the forces, so it could be given official recognition and signatures affixed for the interest and assurance of everybody concerned.

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... precarious situation prevalent
... city but all throughout Luzon, and not even
knowing exactly when to trust with our own lives, do not
attempt to communicate with me other than with Capt Butler
and all subsequent communications from you or from Gen Agustin
should be delegated to the same official for obvious and pre-
cautionary measures.

and

Please convey to all our men/their families my deepest
concern and interest in their welfare and we all hope that
the most authentic freedom are drawn when the zero-hour
arrives which is now only a question of a few breath.

Very sincerely yours,

(STAMPED SEAL)
(#11-American)
(Irregular)
(Troops)

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Post

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I have given the matter a very thorough consideration and in view of the power vested upon me as successor and head of the 5th American Irregular Troops, I have decided that your liberty and the salvation of the lives of our men held prisoners by Marikina depend solely upon our agreeing to free the lives of the

personally unable to cope with the situation, on account of the quadruple vigilance that is being maintained by them, I have come to conclude that the fusion of all organizations to that of a single unit is

most commendable and you can use this as testimonial to this effect in order to stop at once the hostilities between the factions involved and to prevent further bloodshed and loss of lives of our men. I hope there and comrades in arms will realize the necessity of further resistance when you consider the situation and our position. All the Americans at

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