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AGRD 1948, 25 May 50, 25 May 50  
HEADQUARTERS  
ADJUTANT GENERAL RECORDS DEPOSITORY  
PHILIPPINES COMMAND (AIR FORCE) AND THIRTEENTH AIR FORCE

(5) At present, there are a guard strength of fifty-five (55). Upon relocation of the operation at Palawan, the AGRD 230 of forty-five (45) guards is requested, for use in the Hillman Housing Area, and for special purposes, and other special purposes.

JWP/ja  
25 May 1950

SUBJECT: Employment of Hindu Guards

TO : Commanding General, Philippines Command (Air Force) and Thirteenth Air Force, CAPB APO 74

1. Pursuant to instructions received this date via telephone from Major Taylor, the following report relating to justification of employment of Hindu security guards of this organization is submitted:

a. Authority for Employment and Strengths.

(1) In response to a request on 29 June 1948 by the Director, Recovered Personnel Division (now known as AGRD), for additional security guards (see Tab A), the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-1, Headquarters PHILIPPCOM, approved the hiring of the requested guards, among them the Hindus. On 4 July 1948 the first Hindu guard, Mr. Banta Singh, reported for duty with AGRD. He was a former employee of the Army Graves Registration Service in the Philippines. On 8 July 1948, twelve (12) additional Hindu guards were employed and reported for duty.

(2) On 7 September 1948, five additional Hindu guards were requested by AGRD to fill existing vacancies. Approval was granted and guards were eventually employed. (See Tab B).

(3) On 17 December 1948, Major General J. W. Anderson, Commanding General, Philippines Command, APO 707, reiterated his confidence in the loyalty and competency of Hindu guards and expressed his desire that the AGRD, by gradual process, replace Filipino guards with Hindus, so that eventually an all-Hindu security guard force would be in use. Steps were taken promptly to comply with General Anderson's instructions. (See Tab C). By 1 March 1949, an all-Hindu force was in being, numbering 50 guards.

(4) Maximum guard strength of fifty-five (55) was reached in February 1950, following War West Command authorization for the hiring of two (2) additional Hindus, for use as fire guards. (See Tab D).

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AGRD 230, 25 May 50, Employment of Hindu Guards (continued)

(5) At present, the AGRD has a guard strength of fifty-three (53). Upon relocation of the operation at Palma Hall, Manila, a maximum of forty-five (45) guards is expected, for use at Palma Hall, in the Diliman Housing Area, and for school bus, commissary bus, and other special purposes.

b. Conditions Justifying Guard Force.

(1) Despite careful screening and selection of personnel prior to employment in the AGRD, instances of employees tampering with or removing records and committing other fraudulent acts are continually being uncovered. Subject employees are constantly under pressure from local claimants who use diverse means to coerce action in their behalf. When bribes are refused threats on one's life often follow. During past visits of The Inspector General of the Army, these facts were brought to his attention. There are on hand in the Investigation Branch, AGRD, about 2000 cases wherein manipulation of records has been determined. Employees, acting for or against claimants, have attempted to secret claims papers and forms out of the area, or to bring false claims papers into the area for substitute purposes. Careful gate inspections are necessary. Each and every case file has a high potential claim value in dollars against the United States.

(2) The security status of the present AGRD area (Diliman), as well as that expected at Palma Hall, is such that the civilian security guards must be constantly alert to protect records, property, and human life. Thievery is a constant threat. The philosophy of the people appears to be one of "survival of the fittest" and "what is yours is mine, provided I can take it from you." Motor vehicles, equipment and supplies, flag poles, sections of fencing, and even parts of buildings disappear unless aggressive and alert security measures are applied. Safety of dependents and personal property in the AGRD Housing Area is dependent upon the effectiveness of the internal security provided.

c. Personal Qualities and Proficiency of Hindu Guards. - As experienced by this headquarters, the personal qualities of the Hindu guards are such as to contribute materially to his proficiency and dependability in performance of duty, to wit:

- (1) Being a Sikh, of the Hindu religion, he is deeply religious.
- (2) He has an outstanding sense of devotion and loyalty to his superiors and those under him.

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(3) He keenly feels his responsibility to safeguard lives and property.

(4) He does not drink alcoholic beverages. (Only 3 of 53 guards at AGRD smoke.)

(5) He is humble, modest and respectful.

(6) He can be, and usually is, firm and determined. He closely follows instructions given him.

(7) He is quick to admonish or report an offender - be he officer or local employe - yet does so with tact. He is, therefore, impartial.

(8) He exhibits pride in his duty.

(9) He is trustworthy to an exceptional degree.

(10) If he makes a mistake, he physically manifests his shame by covering his face and refusing to give any explanation which might possibly be construed as an excuse. Excuses are seldom given, and then only if asked for.

(11) In typical Indian fashion, he possesses outstanding physical endurance, standing guard on 12-hour shifts at his own request.

(12) As an Oriental, he manifests infinite patience. Unlike many Orientals, he is not excessively temperamental. Thus, through these two characteristics in particular, he is well-suited to the unimaginative and somewhat boring task of walking post day after day.

(13) In target and field firing tests with the pistol, caliber .45, and carbine, caliber .30, he has demonstrated suitable temperament, interest and proficiency for effective use of these weapons.

(14) The ability of a majority of the Hindus to speak some English, combined with their ability to organize themselves and cooperate with one another, makes them a cohesive, effective security group.

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d. Comparative Results Obtained with Filipino Guards and Hindu Guards.

(1) Filipino Guards.

- (a) Weekly instances of guards being found asleep on post.
- (b) Loss of vehicles and property from within guarded areas through collusion with Filipino house servants.
- (c) Loss of firearms.
- (d) Loss of papers and documents through undetected efforts of employees.

(2) Hindu Guards.

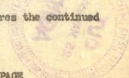
- (a) During the period of the past 15 months when the all-Hindu guard force was in use, only two (2) instances of derelicting of duty, i.e., asleep on post, were discovered. Extenuating circumstances were indicated. Guards involved offered no excuses and accepted, shamefully, their separation.
- (b) Government and personal property in the AGRD Area have been efficiently safeguarded from fire, pilferage, and misuse. No loss or willful destruction of property has been reported during the Hindu guard employment. Attempts to steal gasoline, equipment, supplies, and records have been uncovered by the Hindu guards on numerous occasions. Again and again alert gate searches have revealed secreted PX supplies, tools, and records in the possession of unauthorized persons.
- (c) The good record of these Hindu guards has established a well-founded reputation for their efficiency. Dependents in particular have expressed confidence in the security of the AGRD Housing Area because of the Hindu guards.

2. For the above reasons, this headquarters desires the continued use of Hindu guards in preference to any other.

- 4 Incls.,
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Major AGD  
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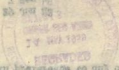
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29 Jun 48

OSIRP  
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AG Rec Pers Div

THRU: AG  
ATTN: Miss Lehr  
TO: CPO, PHILTCOM

1. Request for additional personnel guards. An increase in guards is necessary to place in effect or soon after 1 July 48 as possible for the following reasons:

a. In connection with the certification of information to the Philippine Republic now on duty in EPD PHILTCOM Monday thru Friday in the hours of 0800 to 1600 and on Saturday 0800 to 1145, whose services will be withdrawn. These persons have been engaged in the adjudication of claims for arrears in pay. In the files, pertaining to these adjudications, many changes have been made with fraudulent intent. Administrative checks and internal investigation have served to prevent the changing of these files and has prevented this problem from getting completely out of hand. The apparent ease with which files have been altered due to the employment of this large number of foreign nationals has also served to prevent any large effort on the part of claimants to alter files after office hours and holidays, and therefore, interior guard necessary has been the minimum for property security and fire prevention.

b. Commencing 1 July 48, it is and can be expected that an increasing amount of effort will be made by claimants to alter or extract records from arrears in pay claims after office hours. It will be most difficult to arrange for such alteration during office hours. This will be true mainly because administrative and internal investigation controlled administratively by those in charge will receive more direct consolidated control in a smaller picture than that of our previous large operation.

c. The loss of PA soldier interior guard personnel, of necessity calls for an increase in strength of PHILTCOM guard personnel to secure or to replace losses and secure this project outside office hours.

d. Too great an emphasis cannot be placed upon the need of security of these complex records being made insecure due to losses of personnel of the Philippine Republic in view of the type of buildings and location of this installation. These records are of infinite value in view of monies expended, monies to be expended from which information is sought within the files of these records pertaining to veterans rights and claims

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OSREP  
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AG Rec Pers Div

THRU: AG  
Attn: Miss Lehr  
TO: GPO, PHILLYCOM

for services rendered by personnel of the U. S. Government during World War II.

e. In connection with the certification of information to the Veterans Administration, loyalty information must be furnished. Such information is of a classified nature and with the removal of PA guards, cannot be secured adequately with the present security force of the building in which the records are housed, since security cannot be made merely by placing locks upon the doors and there are not enough safes available for storage of the records when operating personnel are not in the area. In the past month, at least one entry is known to have been made into the building where these records are housed, and there is evidence that on more than one occasion records other than those pertaining to loyalty have been tampered with.

2. In the budget for FY 1949, funds for hiring of these guards were included. If funds cannot be made available we recommend and believe it is necessary to take the money out of whatever funds that are approved for the operation of RPD, even to the extent of curbing administrative operation, in order that adequate security for the records may be provided.

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JAMES HARGIS  
Major AGD  
Assistant Director

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HEADQUARTERS PHILCOM  
PHILIPPINE COMMAND  
RECOVER CHECK SHEET DIVISION  
APO 707

File No. GSACP Subject: Hiring of Indian Guards for EPD NEW/24/58  
Page 301  
FILE NO: SECRET DATE: 7 Sep 48

(2) FROM: G-1 TO: CPS 8 Sep 48  
FROM: AG Rec Pers Div INFO: AG  
TO: G-1

Approved subject to the availability of funds.

1. Request permission to hire five (5) additional Indian guards. These additional guards are necessary to fill five new Indian guard posts created in view of the recent loss of 13 transmitters and one adding machine in this division. (See attached d/s/t/ T. H. BECK schedule). Lt. Col., GSC

Incls: n/c Assistant Chief of Staff, G-1  
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(3) FROM: CPS TO: AG Rec Pers Div 9 Sep 48

2. The highest security possibly to be had, must be used over this installation. Action is being expedited to employ guards as requested in CPAR's 2315-19.

FOR THE CIVILIAN PERSONNEL OFFICER:

- 3 Incls:
- 1 - EPD outlay w/guard posts old and new
- 2 - Indian guard schedule
- 3 - Philippine guard schedule

M. R. WILSON / / S. R.  
/s/ DONALD O. THURNAU  
Dir, Adm Div, CPS

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Note: Enclosures not included



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HEADQUARTERS  
PHILIPPINES COMMAND  
RECOVERED PERSONNEL DIVISION  
APO 707

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DATE: 7 Sep 48

FILE NO: OSGRP

FROM: AG Rec Pers Div

THRU: AG  
TO: G-1

1. Request permission to hire five (5) additional Indian guards. These additional guards are necessary to fill five new Indian guard posts created in view of the recent loss of 13 typewriters and one adding machine in this division. (See attached diagrams and guard schedules).

2. Funds to cover above requisition are available in our budget based on WR 87466, 13 Aug 48 received from TAG, Washington D. C. If it becomes necessary certain clerical personnel will be reduced in force to provide funds.

3. The highest security possible to be had, must be used over this installation due to the political explosiveness and monetary value of the records within RPD.

N. E. WALKER /1/ J. H.  
1A Col AGD  
Director

3 Incls:

- 1 - RPD outlay w/guard posts old and new
- 2 - Indian guard schedule
- 3 - Filipino guard schedule

Note: Inclosures not included.



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DATE: 10/1/54  
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1. Pursuant to the terms of the "Agreement" between the United States and the Government of the Republic of China, signed at Washington, D.C., on July 27, 1954, the United States has agreed to provide to the Government of the Republic of China, for its use in the development of its atomic energy program, certain technical data and information which are in the possession of the United States and which are of a nature to assist in the development of such program. It is understood that the United States will, in accordance with the "Agreement", make available to the Government of the Republic of China, for its use in the development of its atomic energy program, certain technical data and information which are in the possession of the United States and which are of a nature to assist in the development of such program.

2. In this connection there is a need for such technical data and information to be made available to the Government of the Republic of China for its use in the development of its atomic energy program. It is understood that the United States will, in accordance with the "Agreement", make available to the Government of the Republic of China, for its use in the development of its atomic energy program, certain technical data and information which are in the possession of the United States and which are of a nature to assist in the development of such program.

- Technical Data - List of 100 items will be provided by 10/1/54.
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18 Dec 48

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From: Director, AGRD TO: AG, PHILCOM

1. Pursuant to the desires of the Commanding General, as expressed by you during our telephone conversation of yesterday, relating to the use of an all-Hindu (Indian) security guard force for AGRD, I talked with our Senior or Principal Guard, Banta SINGH. While not revealing to him, or anyone else other than Major Margis, any hint of a plan to change the guard makeup, I did ask him whether he could recruit dependable Hindu guards should we need additional ones. He assured me that he could, within a week, recruit for CPO consideration, any number we probably would require. We need only the "go ahead" signal to make a survey of requirements and effect recruiting.

2. In this connection there is a need for three additional guards to replace recent losses occurring through resignation and discharge. The need is urgent and bonafide. If the employment is approved, it is desired that the following be selected:

- Sardara Singh - (now at AGRS but release will be approved by AGRS).
- Harder Singh - (now at Clark Field; release problematical).
- Tarloc Singh - (formerly at AGRS; hit by RIF).

/s/c/ JOHN W. PAGE  
Major, Inf  
Director

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS  
FAR EAST COMMAND  
APO 500

21 November 1949

AG 671.3 (21 Nov 49) XCE-GB

SUBJECT: Fire Protection at Adjutant General Records Depository,  
Manila

TO: Commanding General  
Philippines Command (Air Force)  
APO 74

1. Reference. Special Regulations h20-510-1, 13 July 1949.

2. A fire prevention inspection of the Adjutant General Records Depository in Manila reveals a serious fire possibility, the elimination of which would require the expenditure of approximately one quarter million dollars. However, due to the short duration of the occupancy and the limitations imposed by Special Regulations h20-510-1, 13 July 1949, which requires that greater risks be assumed, the expenditure of such a sum is not justified.

3. This depository will be moved to its permanent location at Palma Hall in Manila upon completion in September 1950, but until that time additional protection, to that now existent, must be provided. This additional protection should include:

a. A division wall plastered on both sides between the officers club and the depository in warehouse 3 - \$1,500.00

b. Two additional hydrants, one on each side of the building - 80.00

c. Two additional fire guards on constant duty during all non-working hours @ \$47.70 each per week, for 46 remaining weeks -

Total	\$4,388.60
	\$5,988.60

h. It is desired that the necessary action be taken to provide minimum fire protection as outlined in paragraph 3 above.

BY COMMAND OF GENERAL MACARTHUR:

/s/ K. B. Bush  
/s/ K. B. BUSH  
Brigadier General, AGC,  
Adjutant General.

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