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CSCP            Inactivation of the Guerrilla Affairs Division

(1) FROM: Director, Guerrilla Affairs Div    TO: G-3            11 June 48

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assume an alias, necessitated a more adequate solution. It was resolved between GAD, RPD, and HAF that: "If claimant can show legally sufficient proof and a statement is made by the JAG, Philippine Army, in each case that such proof is legally sufficient to comply with all requirements of Philippine law, that the alias claimed by the claimant is genuine and bona fide, such evidence may be acceptable in the adjudication of either terminal date or arrears in pay." Upon accomplishing adjudication of each unit by the RPD, a list of all aliases identification will be coursed to the GAD to permit notice and authority of change to all interested agencies.

d. Correspondence: The press announcement disseminating the closing of the GAD will result in an immediate increase in incoming correspondence. This situation will prevail for approximately two months, subsequent to which there should be a steady decrease to a point, estimated to be December 1948, to consider the classification of these records as Non-Current.

e. Interviews: There will be a number of personal queries to this headquarters that will require interview. If we are permitted proper latitude, this problem can be held to a minimum by stipulating in our press release that all queries concerning an individual's status should be directed to Headquarters, National Defense Forces.

## 2. PERSONNEL

a. It is considered that a minimum of four (4) officers, five (5) enlisted men (PM), and fourteen (14) local civilians will represent the personnel requirement for the beginning of the quarter. Initially, this force will be unable to satisfy the normal work load, but later this will be realized and there will be a steady cause for adjustment in congruence with the correspondence decrease. Though the decrease in correspondence will result in similar personnel adjustments, for security purposes two (2) officers should be considered the absolute minimum until the records receive final shipment to the XI, and they should not be used for additional assignments requiring the utilization of normal working hours. An officer must be present when the record room is open. (Personnel assignment chart - Tab A)

b. The officers to remain are select and collectively represent a complete knowledge of the recognition mission. As the work load dictates, the order of departure of two (2) officers is: Lt Pierce, Capt Curtis.

### (1) Officer breakdown

Captain Stanley V. Lesonski, GAC  
Captain ~~Edward J. [unclear]~~ EA

Section Chief  
Units

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Captain Allen W. Mitchell, GAC      Individuals  
1st Lt Lester W. Pierce, Jr, GAC      Records

(2) Enlisted breakdown (PG)

7/Sgt Servillano C. Naputi	Units & Interviews
8/Sgt Tito de Gusman	Records
Sgt Pascasio G. Morillo	Records
Sgt Federico G. Tanala	Supply
Cpl Ramon G. de Villa	Message Center

(3) Local civilian grades (14)

3 - clerk stenographer  
2 - stenographer  
4 - clerk typist  
4 - general clerk  
1 - mail & records clerk

✓ 3. SUPERVISION

a. Supervision by parties appreciative and familiar with the complexities involved in the accomplishment of this mission warrants the continued control of this section by the G-3, PHILRYGOM. It would be most unfortunate and relatively easy for this program to embarrass this command and reopen the issue of guerrilla recognition.

4. DESIGNATION OF SECTION

a. It is opined that the appellation "guerrilla" should be removed from the section and a name such as "G-3 Records" be substituted therefor. As long as a guerrilla section is listed in the telephone directory, staff directory, and vehicular designation is used, it will continue to receive mental reflection. We must impart to these people that the mission is through, there remaining no such agency for further evaluation. All personnel remaining in the section must reflect this attitude.

5. RECORDS

a. ~~Security~~: Constant supervision of these records must be maintained for proper security. ~~This cannot be overemphasized as numerous statements and affidavits from mayors, governors, clergy, successful businessmen and prominent politicians in the Philippines~~



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repose in our files. Their disclosure would noticeably impair Fil-American relations, as over one eighteenth (1/18) of the Philippine population has been involved in the guerrilla recognition program. Many of these statements were secured prior to the full realization of the benefits to be derived from official recognition and are in complete variance with the present positions of many high politicians. The word of honor of officers of the GAD as to their security was a necessary proviso to secure them. These statements have been of considerable overlapping value in cross-checking and rendering proper evaluation of units and evidence submitted, and have assisted in rejecting many signatories who subsequently reversed their statements for lucrative reasons. These records must not be amalgamated with other related agency records as, to enlarge the perusal personnel would be but corollary to inadequate security. (See recommendation of the Board of Officers - Tab B)

b. Records status: All records have been screened to eliminate superfluous matter, alphabetically filed by section, and placed in waterproof type record boxes. The containers are stacked on their side with the top removed to facilitate use. The tops are presently being stenciled and lists of contents are being compiled for the inside of each container. The decision to ship the records will involve the compilation of a master list of all contents, a recheck to assure completeness, and securing the cover and banding.

c. Record shipment: The movement of these records by vehicle should be accomplished by an officer guard per truck. Our previous experience in attempting to secure records that were shipped in the movement of various headquarters and even from the Central Records Depot reveals gross negligence of handling. These records should be accompanied by an officer familiar with their contents and capable of properly presenting their potential worth to the Commanding Officer, Department of the Army Records Administration Center. The shipping date of these records must be established as soon as practicable to remove any question of their availability (Tab C).

#### 6. SUMMARY

Of paramount importance must be our attitude that the program is concluded. There can be no further recognition extended regardless of the evidence submitted, otherwise this issue will remain in a suspended status. In fairness to all concerned, exhaustive effort was expended by the personnel of the division to arrive at just and equitable decisions. The period extending this program by the Army was far in excess of that required for all interested persons to submit evidence in their behalf. The only purpose of the personnel recommended to remain is to

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satisfy administrative ethics - no other. It is believed this should  
be conveyed to TAG. It is considered appropriate and proper by the  
undersigned to be considered in a distant advisory capacity  
in regard to the remaining administrative program, to allay suspicion  
of subtle encroachment.

WALLACE M. HANES  
Lt Col GSC  
Director

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Tabs A, B & C

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W. M. Hanes  
Major, P.A.*





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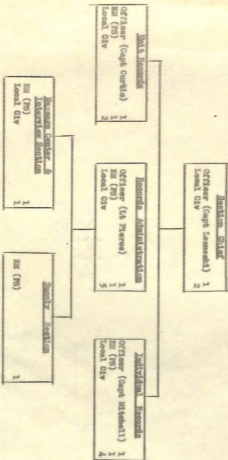
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G-3, RECORDS SECTION  
 ORGANIZATION CHART  
 1 July 1948

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PROCEEDINGS OF BOARD OF OFFICERS

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The Board of Officers appointed by paragraph 3, SO 233, Headquarters Philrycom, dated 10 October 1947 as amended by paragraph 10, SO 287, Headquarters Philrycom, dated 15 December 1947, met at Headquarters Philrycom on 17 December 1947 for the purpose of determining the disposition of the records of the Guerrilla Affairs Division, G-3 Section, Headquarters Philrycom.

The following members of the board were present:

Lt Col Ignwood D Lett	041796	Adjutant General Section
Lt Col Wallace M Hanes	033384	Guerrilla Affairs Division
Maj Wilfred C Elliot	0169522	Recovered Personnel Division
Capt George R Philip Jr	0291736	Claims Service
1st Lt Lester W Pierce Jr	01041275	Guerrilla Affairs Division

DISCUSSION:

Lt Colonel Wallace M Hanes, Director, Guerrilla Affairs Division, made a brief summary of the history of the Guerrilla Affairs Division, its mission, public attention, fraudulent claims, controversial problems inherent thereto, the contents of its records, and the probable future aspects of the problem in which he pointed out that due to security commitments to individual interested and disinterested informants and the reports of investigation officers of the division (Team Leaders Reports) the contents of these files are classified "CONFIDENTIAL" as provided in paragraph 7, AR 380-5, - - - "Documents, information, or material, the unauthorized disclosure of which, while not endangering the national security, would be prejudicial to the interests or prestige of the nation, any governmental activity, and individual, or would cause administrative embarrassment, or difficulty, or be of advantage to a foreign nation shall be classified "CONFIDENTIAL", - - - and further, that they could also be appropriately classified as historical records as described in paragraph 37, TM 12-259 and thus be maintained intact. Cognizance must be taken of the fact that although the division's present mission involves an appropriation of close to two hundred million dollars, Veterans Administration estimates that the total veterans benefits derived from the program exceed an expenditure of over a billion dollars. It is estimated that the last veterans benefit of World War II will have been paid by the year 2050 at an average expenditure of \$40,000 per veteran. To date the Guerrilla Affairs Division has received a total of 1,237,900 claims for guerrilla recognition and has recognized a total of 289,000

persons. The immensity of the monetary sum involved makes all the more important the security of the records even though the regional office of the Veterans Administration will possess rosters of all recognized guerrillas. If these records are secured as an entity in the Zone of the Interior, this will serve as a future check against the records of the Manila Regional Office. He then proposed that all records of the Guerrilla Affairs Division be maintained intact at their present location until the flow of correspondence has lessened to a point that the records may be classified NON-CURRENT, which time he estimated to be about December 1948, and then be shipped to the Department of the Army Central Records Depot for safe keeping. That prior to June 1948 these records may be perused by authorized personnel from related agencies of this headquarters, but this to be done in accordance with the present policy of perusal being done at this division and thus maintain security of the records and their contents.

Major Elliot of Recovered Personnel Division concurred with this, stating that he did not believe it would be necessary for the Recovered Personnel Division to have reference the Guerrilla Affairs records subsequent to 30 June 1948.

Capt Philip of Claims Service also concurred stating that his section had or would have enough information without retaining these records for the specific use of Claims Service.

It Col Lett also concurred and added that it should be made plain that these were permanent records of the Department of the Army.

FINDINGS:

1. The records of the Guerrilla Affairs Division contain many affidavits and statements made by prominent Philippine civilians the disclosure of which might cause their downfall politically and financially and, in some cases, even result in physical retaliation. Such disclosure would be an unfavorable reflection on the integrity of the officers of the Guerrilla Affairs Division who made commitments as to their absolute security.
2. The records of the Guerrilla Affairs Division are classified "CONFIDENTIAL" under the provisions of paragraph 7, AR 380-5.
3. The Recovered Personnel Division and Claims Service are interested in only the inclusive dates of recognition, area of operations, and persons on the rosters of recognized guerrilla units. This information is furnished them at the time a guerrilla unit is recognized.
4. The records of the Guerrilla Affairs Division will be current records of this Headquarters until approximately December 1948, during this period they may be perused by Recovered Personnel Division and Claims Service should the occasion arise.

5. The records are of permanent historical value to the Department of the Army and to the Veterans Administration. Fusion of these records with those of the Recovered Personnel Division or Claims Service would destroy their entity, enlarge their potential perusal and thus lessen their security.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. The records of the Guerrilla Affairs Division not be fused with those of other facilities, but be maintained in their present identity and filed at this Headquarters so as to afford ready reference and upon becoming non-current be shipped intact to a Department of the Army Central Records Depository as expeditiously as possible.
2. During the period subsequent to the deactivation of the Guerrilla Affairs Division and prior to their shipment to the Zone of the Interior, these records be under the supervision of an officer of the Guerrilla Affairs Division presently familiar with their contents and the present filing system. This officer should be capable of answering all correspondence relative thereto.
3. That copies of the record of this meeting be referred to Recovered Personnel Division, Claims Service and the Guerrilla Affairs Division on or about 15 June 1948 for further comment arising from changed conditions.

*Lynwood D. Lott*  
LYNWOOD D. LOTT  
Lt Col., AGD  
President

*Lester W. Pierce, Jr.*  
LESTER W. PIERCE, JR.  
1st Lt., CAC  
Recorder

Incl:

1. Par. 1, Special Order 233-dtd 10 Oct 47
2. Par. 10, Special Order 287-dtd 15 Dec 47

Headquarters, Philippines-Ryukyu Command, APO 707, 8 January 1948

Approved.

GEO. F. MOORE,  
Major General, USA,  
Commanding

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HEADQUARTERS  
PHILIPPINE-RYUKYU COMMAND

APO 707  
10 October 1947

SPECIAL ORDERS  
NUMBER 233

EXTRACT

8. Under auth contained in AR 420-5, a Board of Officers is aptd to meet at the call of the president thereof to determine the final disposition of the records of the Guerrilla Affairs Division, G-3 Section, Philippine-Ryukyus Command.

DETAIL FOR THE BOARD

LT COL	LYNWOOD D LOTT	041796	AGD	AG Sec, 8100th (President) Sv Det (Hq Det, PHILRYCOM) APO 707
LT COL	WALLACE M HANES	033384	Inf	G-3 Sec, 8100th (Member) Sv Det (Hq Det, PHILRYCOM) APO 707
MAJ	DAVE M LYNCH	0349853	Inf	8133d Sv Det. (Member) (EPD) APO 707
CAPT	GEORGE R PHILIP JR	0891736	Cav	8136th Sv Det. (Member) (Claims Service) APO 707
1ST LT	LESTER W PIERCE JR	01041275	CAC	G-3 Sec, 8100th Sv Det (Hq Det, PHILRYCOM) APO 707 (Recorder)

The board will be guided by the provisions of AR 15-15, as amended and GEQ FEC Cir No. 4, 1947, as amended. Report of proceedings of the board of officers will be submitted to this headquarters in quintuplicate at the earliest practicable date.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL MOORE:

OFFICIAL:

*W. P. Moore*

W. P. MOORE  
Lt Col, AGD  
Asst Adj Gen

J. W. ANDERSON  
Brigadier General, USA  
Deputy Commander, and  
Chief of Staff

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HEADQUARTERS  
PHILIPPINES-RYUKYUS COMMAND

APO 707  
15 December 1947

SPECIAL ORDERS  
NUMBER 287

EXTRACT

8. Under auth of the SA, as contained in Civ Pers Reg 155, dtd 27 May 47, for Local Civ employee, this hq, is dir to proceed o/a 16 Dec 47, fr Base M to Okinawa for PCS. TDM. TCMT. Tvl by Govt str and water transportation auth. No per diem auth. 801-20 P431-02-03 A2180425 899-999 L427.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>JOB TITLE</u>	<u>GRADE</u>	<u>REQD</u>	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>REQUESTING</u>
			<u>NO</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>UNIT</u>
HONORIO B PUIRANO	Storekeeper	S-7-B	RFR-41	5	Military Govt

9. Under auth of the SA, as contained in Civ Pers Reg 155, dtd 27 May 47, Mrs ELSIE M EADES, DA Civ employee, EUD, this Hq, is dir to proceed o/a 17 Dec 47, to 8104th Sv Det (Hq Det, RYKOK) APO 331, on TDY for approximately thirty (30) days, rptg upon arrival to CG, purpose of assisting the Civ Pers Office in Placement matter. Compl TDY not proper sta. TDM. TCMT. Tvl by mil acft, Govt str and water transportation auth. Personal baggage not to exceed 65 pounds auth while tvl by air. No per diem auth. "In accordance with Civ Pers Cir No. 29, dtd 1 July 46, you will obtain fr the Civ Pers Off of the installation you are temporarily detailed to, a time and attendance report showing the hrs worked while on dy at that sta. It shall be your responsibility to see that this report is duly certified and submitted." 2180425 891-1002 P432-02 800-800 L427.

10. Par 3, SO #233, cs, this Hq (Aptd Pd of Off), is amended as follows:

DELETE

MAJ DAVE W LYNCH 0349853 Inf 8133rd Sv Det (RPD) APO 707

ADD

MAJ WILFRED C ELLIOTT 0169522 AGD 8133rd Sv Det (RPD) APO 707

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL MOORE:

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