

REPORT ON THE DESTRUCTION OF MANILA AND JAPANESE ATROCITIES Feb 1945

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TO: Gen. W. FROM: Brig. Rogers

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SUBJECT:

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A Report on Japanese Atrocities
A Report on War Crimes.

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Correspondence on this subject
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A.P.O. 500
1 June 1945

Brigadier General John Weckerling, GSC,
Military Intelligence Division, G-2,
War Department, Washington, D. C.

My dear Weckerling:

I am forwarding you herewith, as supporting evidence, the original photographs of Case Nos. 12 and 13 (the Pons and Kremleff atrocities) of "Report on the Destruction of Manila and Japanese Atrocities", February 1945.

I trust it is not too late to include these photographs in the pamphlet you propose to publish, entitled "The Sack of Manila".

With kind personal regards,

Fraternally,

C. A. WILLOUGHBY,
Major General, G.S.C.,
Ass't Chief of Staff, G-2.

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29 May 1945

Major General C. Bissell,
A. C. of S., G-2,
War Department General Staff,
Washington, D.C.

My dear General:

Enclosed herewith is the original Jap evidence (in translation) of our report on the destruction of Manila and atrocities. I note with satisfaction that General Marshall directed that the War Department reproduce my original report, to be entitled "The Sack of Manila", and that it is anticipated it will have a very wide distribution.

The supporting evidence herewith could become a companion piece to the pamphlet proposed; at any rate, it is background evidence for further substantiation, as required.

With kind personal regards,

Fraternally,

C. A. WILLOUGHBY,
Major General, G.S.C.,
Ass't Chief of Staff, G-2.

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A.P.O. 500,
5 May 1945.

Maj. Gen. C. Bissell,
A. C. of S., G-2,
War Department,
Washington 25, D.C.

My dear General:

This is in reply to your letter of 18th April regarding the brochure of General Romulo, the Philippine High Commissioner. I regret that his publication to Congress was in the nature of a surprise to the War Department. In letters of 27 March, 31 March and 21 April, Romulo was directed to: a) contact Colonel J. K. Evans, former liaison with P.I. Government, b) turn over original photos to War Department, c) follow "restriction" required by Dominican Order. I assumed, of course, that Romulo would obtain usual clearance from the Military Authorities.

In this connection, additional evidence is coming in, photos, etc.; these are being turned over to the local War Crimes Branch, USAFFE, but I intend to send parallel copies to G-2 War Department, as well.

Sincerely,

C. A. WILLOUGHBY,
Major General, G.S.C.,
Asst. Chief of Staff, G-2.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
WAR DEPARTMENT GENERAL STAFF
MILITARY INTELLIGENCE DIVISION, G-2
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

18 April 1945

Dear General Willoughby,

The reports on the atrocities in Manila (2 with and 2 without photographs) forwarded with your letter of 29 March 1945 were distributed to the Chief of Staff, War Crimes Commission, State Department and G-2. Certain of these copies were routed to many War Department executives who needed the information.

Action was taken promptly to arrange the necessary clearance for War Department release of the information in accordance with the restrictions indicated in your statement which accompanied the reports. For reasons of policy, it was desirable to secure coordination and concurrence of Navy, State and the Philippine, British and Spanish Governments. It was very desirable to capitalize on this most valuable material to bring about a clearer understanding of Japanese atrocities in the Philippines and equally important to time carefully the release as a counter to expected Japanese publicity incident to our bombing of major Japanese cities.

The two copies forwarded to Romulo apparently did not include the restrictions relative to the affidavits that you requested be imposed on the War Department. Without coordination with the War or State Departments, Romulo had the reports reproduced in New York, and as delivered, they were, in effect, an exact replica of the reports you sent the War Department less the restrictions you had requested and which the War Department had imposed. Only by chance did the War Department learn that Romulo had had the reports reproduced. They were about to be distributed to members of Congress. At the request of the War Department, Romulo stamped the reproduced copies "Confidential" and pasted on the cover sheet the following statement:

"This is for the exclusive use of Members of Congress. The War Department requests that names and locales be kept as military secrets. DO NOT RELEASE TO THE PRESS."

It is fully appreciated that representatives of the Philippine Government in Washington should have such information at the same time it is furnished to the War Department. It is suggested, in order that all may work together most effectively, that matters of this nature be forwarded to members of the Philippine Government in Washington with

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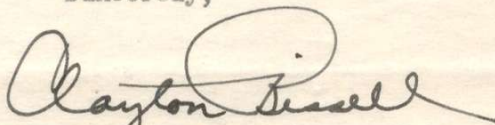
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the proviso that the War Department and State Department be informed in advance of any proposed publicity. This will insure that the overall military effort and the interests of the American and Philippine people are best served.

Please inform General MacArthur how this matter was handled and assure him of my kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,



CLAYTON BISSELL
Major General, GSC
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2

Brig. General C. A. Willoughby
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2
General Headquarters, SWPA
A.P.O. 500, c/o Postmaster
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May 4, 1945

Brig. General C. A. Willoughby
A. C. of S., G-2
Southwest Pacific Area
APO 500, c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, California

Dear General Willoughby:

General Bissell indicated in his last letter to you that he was forwarding a copy of the Romulo reproduction on Japanese atrocities in Manila. Accordingly, enclosed herewith is a copy of such complete reproduction.

Sincerely yours,

ROBERT J. GLASSER
Captain, G.S.C.
G-2 Secretariat

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4 May 1945

Brig. Gen. Carlos P. Romulo,
Resident Commissioner of the Philippines to U.S.,
1617 Massachusetts Ave., NW,
Washington, D.C.

My dear Romulo :

This will acknowledge receipt of the six (6) copies of the brochure on atrocities and six (6) copies of your speech before Congress. I have distributed the publications to the CinC, Chief of Staff and other interested staff sections. You did a splendid job on the brochure and it is gratifying to know that I "indirectly" assisted, through this medium, in the passage of the Filipino Naturalization Bill.

You may be interested to know that since the release of this publication to the War Department and other interested parties, we have received many requests for this report; it has made a tremendous impression over here; this has resulted in a great drain on the copies you forwarded me. I would appreciate it if you would kindly arrange to forward me twelve (12) additional copies of your brochure and speech before Congress.

With kind personal regards,

Fraternally

C. A. WILLOUGHBY,
Major General, G. S. C.,
Asst. Chief of Staff, G-2.

CATHOLIC WELFARE ORGANIZATION
OF THE PHILIPPINESFile:
ATROCITIES

1 MAY 1945

TRANSCRIPT OF RADIOGRAMS RECEIVED AND SENT
BY HIS EXCELLENCY, THE APOSTOLIC DELEGATE
TO THE PHILIPPINES, REGARDING JAPANESE ATROCITIES

1.

9 MARCH 1945

ECCELLENZA GIOVANNI MONTINI
SEGRETARIA DI STATO DI SUA SANTITA
CITTA DEL VATICANO

PLEASE NOTIFY HOLY FATHER FOLLOWING FACTS STOP AMERICAN
FORCES HAVE OCCUPIED MANILA STOP JAPANESE SOLDIERY AFTER
DEPRIVING THESE ISLANDS OF ALL MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION
AND ORDINARY COMMUNICATIONS HAVING REDUCED THE PEOPLE OF
THE CITY TO SUFFER STARVATION AND ALL KINDS OF PRIVATIONS
AND SEIZED UPON MOST OF THE BUILDINGS BELONGING TO RELIGIOUS
INSTITUTIONS AND NUMBERLESS HOUSES OF THE INHABITANTS OF
MANILA FINALLY DAY AND NIGHT BLASTED FACTORIES STORES
BRIDGES SET FIRE TO ENTIRE DISTRICTS AND FOLLOWING PREVIOUSLY
GIVEN ORDERS CARRIED OUT WITH EXTREME CRUELTY STREET FIGHTING
KILLING THOUSANDS AND THOUSANDS OF ADULT AND YOUNG CIVILIANS
AMONGST WHOM ABOUT ONE HUNDRED PRIESTS AND RELIGIOUS STOP
MANY CHURCHES RECTORIES AND THE APOSTOLIC DELEGATION BUILDING
BURNT AND DESTROYED STOP

WILLIAM PIANI
APOSTOLIC DELEGATE

2. PARAPHRASE OF RADIOGRAM RECEIVED BY THE AMERICAN CONSULATE
GENERAL

TO: APOSTOLIC DELEGATE MANILA
FROM: APOSTOLIC DELEGATE WASHINGTON

MONSIGNOR MONTINI HAS ACKNOWLEDGED YOUR MESSAGE IN WHICH
YOU REPORT ATROCITIES COMMITTED BY THE JAPANESE IN MANILA
SUCH AS THE KILLING OF GREAT NUMBERS OF CIVILIANS INCLUDING
PRIESTS AND RELIGIOUS. JAPANESE OFFICIALS PUBLICLY DENY
THE TRUTH OF THE REPORT OF ATROCITIES. IT IS ACCORDINGLY
REQUESTED THAT YOU TELEGRAPH CONFIRMATION OF YOUR MESSAGE
REFERRED TO AND ALSO THAT YOU FORWARD BY LETTER FURTHER

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DETAILS.

GIOVANNI CICOGNANI
APOSTOLIC DELEGATE

3.

17 APRIL 1945

MONS GIOVANNI CICOGNANI
APOSTOLIC DELEGATE WASHINGTON

HEREBY CONFIRM FOLLOWING CABLEGRAM SENT BY ME TO MONS GIOVANNI MONTINI VATICAN CITY ON MARCH NINTH QUOTE PLEASE NOTIFY HOLY FATHER FOLLOWING FACTS STOP AMERICAN FORCES HAVE OCCUPIED MANILA STOP JAPANESE SOLDIERY AFTER DEPRIVING THESE ISLANDS OF ALL MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION AND ORDINARY COMMUNICATIONS HAVING REDUCED THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY TO SUFFER STARVATION AND ALL KINDS OF PRIVATIONS AND SEIZED UPON MOST OF THE BUILDINGS BELONGING TO RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS AND NUMBERLESS HOUSES OF THE INHABITANTS OF MANILA FINALLY DAY AND NIGHT BLASTED FACTORIES STORES BRIDGES SET FIRE TO ENTIRE DISTRICTS AND FOLLOWING PREVIOUSLY GIVEN ORDERS CARRIED OUT WITH EXTREME CRUELTY STREET FIGHTING KILLING THOUSANDS AND THOUSANDS OF ADULT AND YOUNG CIVILIANS AMONGST WHOM ABOUT ONE HUNDRED PRIESTS AND RELIGIOUS STOP MANY CHURCHES RECTORIES AND THE APOSTOLIC DELEGATION BUILDING BURNT AND DESTROYED UNQUOTE FOR DETAILED DATA PLEASE CONFER TELEGRAM TO NATIONAL CATHOLIC WELFARE CONFERENCE FROM MANILA CORRESPONDENT DE LA COSTA WHICH WAS PREVIOUSLY CONFIRMED BY ME BEFORE BEING DISPATCHED

WILLIAM PIANI
APOSTOLIC DELEGATE

4.

19 APRIL 1945

MONS GIOVANNI CICOGNANI
APOSTOLIC DELEGATE WASHINGTON

PLEASE FORWARD FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO MONS MONTINI STOP SUPPLEMENT PREVIOUS RADIOGRAM REGARDING JAPANESE ATROCITIES WITH FOLLOWING DETAILS STOP FOURTEEN AUGUSTINIANS SIX RECOLLECTS TEN FRANCISCANS SIX CAPUCHINS KILLED WITH HAND GRENADES IN INTRAMUROS STOP THREE MORE CAPUCHINS BAYONETED AND SHOT IN SINGALONG STOP TEN VINCENTIANS MACHINE GUNNED IN SAN MARCELINO STOP ONE MORE VINCENTIAN SHOT IN ERMITA

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STOP SIXTEEN CHRISTIAN BROTHERS BAYONETED IN LA SALLE
COLLEGE STOP FOUR COLUMBANS TAKEN BY JAPANESE MILITARY
POLICE AND NEVER HEARD FROM AGAIN STOP TWO SECULAR PRIESTS
KILLED IN INTRAMUROS STOP SEVEN SECULAR PRIESTS KILLED IN
BATANGAS STOP TWO SECULAR PRIESTS KILLED IN TAYABAS STOP
ONE JESUIT SCHOLASTIC AND ONE SEMINARIAN KILLED IN BATANGAS
STOP TWO SEMINARIANS KILLED IN LAGUNA STOP TOTAL KILLED
VERIFIED TO DATE EIGHTY FIVE STOP IN ADDITION ABOUT THIRTY
KILLED BY JAPANESE SNIPERS OR DIED IN FIRES STARTED BY
JAPANESE SOLDIERS STOP APOSTOLIC DELEGATION ARCHBISHOP'S
PALACE TEN CHURCHES NINE MONASTERIES AND CONVENTS TWELVE
SEMINARIES AND SCHOOLS TWO HOSPITALS ONE ORPHANAGE TOTALLY
DESTROYED STOP LETTER WITH NAMES OF DEAD FURTHER DETAILS
FOLLOWS

WILLIAM PIANI
APOSTOLIC DELEGATE

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By KJ NARA Date 10/27/11

Commonwealth of the Philippines
ARMY HEADQUARTERS

Office of the Chief of Staff

APC 501
30 April 1945

MEMO FROM : Major-General Basilio J. Valdes
TO : Major-General C. A. Willoughby, GSC, AC of S, G-2
SUBJECT : "Report on Destruction of Manila and
Japanese Atrocities".

I acknowledge receipt of the reprint of G-2 Report
furnished Brigadier-General Romulo on the destruction of
Manila and Japanese atrocities.

I hope the War Department will give this big publi-
city in the United States to avoid the pacifists from
trying to ask for mercy for the Japanese people.

Basilio J. Valdes
BASILIO J. VALDES
Major-General, PA
Chief of Staff

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By KJ NARA Date 10/27/11

APD 500
22 April 1945

Major General C. Bissell,
A. C. of S., G-2,
War Department General Staff,
Washington 25, D.C.

My dear General :

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of 11 April regarding our report on the Destruction of Manila and Japanese atrocities; it is some of the best evidence we have of Jap barbarism.

I have forwarded all the original photographs to General Romulo, with instructions to turn them over to G-2, War Department, after they have served their purpose. He will probably send them to Colonel Evans very shortly. The Signal Corps, W.D., also possesses a complete set of photographs and films; the number references on the photostatic copies should assist you in locating the original films.

I profit from this correspondence to advise you of a problem looming large, in staff adjustment, as between us and CINCPAC. In my field, JICPOA has already asked for 190 Nisei Translators; certainly there is no point in setting up a competitive, duplicatory agency, competing with ATIS. I hope to negotiate with JICPOA and develop an amicable solution. The same view applies to A.G.S. I will keep you advised on these points.

Our intents are common, i.e. Japan, B.O., troop movements; purely naval (sea) intelligence (in three years' observation) is limited; the bulk of our documentary material is combat (troop) intelligence; after all, most documents are captured by troops ashore! Finally, the record of JICPOA language work is not impressive. Two months after Iwo Jima, I received about fifteen documents. I find it hard to believe that that is all they found? There is a bottleneck somewhere. We can't afford delay in time, substance or bulk in the documentary field. We have the machine to handle it (ATIS) and Mashbir to run it. I solicit your support.

With kind personal regards,

Cordially,

C. A. WILLOUGHBY,
Major General, G.S.C.,
Asst. Chief of Staff, G-2.

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WAR DEPARTMENT GENERAL STAFF
MILITARY INTELLIGENCE DIVISION, G-2
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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11 April 1945

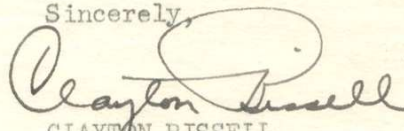
Dear General Willoughby,

Thank you very much indeed for the Reports on the Destruction of Manila and Japanese Atrocities transmitted with your letter of 29 March 1945. The Report is a most graphic description of the terrorist activities and contains much of interest and value. One copy of the Report has been circulated to the Chief of Staff, Secretary of War, Assistant Secretary of War, OPD and BPR. Another copy with photographs, has been sent to the War Crimes Commission. A third copy, without photographs, has been furnished the Secretary of State. Each of the recipients has been advised that you have furnished copies to General Romulo.

A copy of your remarks pertaining to release of any of the information contained in the Report, has been affixed to each copy of the Report.

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,


CLAYTON BISSELL
Major General, GSC
A.C. of S., G-2

Brig. General C.A. Willoughby
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2
General Headquarters, SWPA
A.P.O. 500
Postmaster, San Francisco, Cal.

PS. It is requested that G-2 be furnished with three (3) additional copies (with photographs) of the Report.

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21 April 1945

Brig. Gen. Carlos P. Romulo,
Philippines Commonwealth,
1617 Massachusetts Ave., N.W.,
Washington, D.C.

My dear Romulo :

Supplementing my letters to you of 27 and 31 March on the subject of the Atrocity Reports, enclosed are additional original photographs of more atrocities, which you may wish to add to your brochure.

As stated in my last letter, the original photographs should eventually be turned over to G-2 W.D. Therefore, after the photographs have served their purpose, I would appreciate it if you would forward them to Colonel J. K. Evans, MID, War Department, who will in turn pass them on to the War Crimes Commission or file.

I notice from the news reports that you have really hit Washington with a "bomb-shell", as I knew you would. I read your speech before Congress. You did a splendid job; congratulations.

With kind personal regards,

Fraternally,

C. A. WILLOUGHBY,
Major General, G.S.C.,
Asst. Chief of Staff, G-2.

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To: C/S

Note attached. A reprint of the G-2 Report.
It has had some effect? Speeding the Naturalization
Bill ? And its impact on the Congressional mind.

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C.A.W.

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TO G-2
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By K NARA Date 11/03/11

THE RESIDENT COMMISSIONER OF THE PHILIPPINES
TO THE UNITED STATES

WASHINGTON, D. C.

April 17, 1945

Major General C. A. Willoughby
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2
General Headquarters
Southwest Pacific Area

Dear General Willoughby:

I am enclosing herewith six copies of the published pamphlet "Report on The Destruction of Manila and Japanese Atrocities" and six copies of my speech on the floor of Congress today, for the C-in-C, and other people there.

The pamphlet was distributed to members of Congress only - not to the press. It made a tremendous impression on the Congressmen, and after my speech many of them spoke to me about it.

I am most happy to say that after my speech the Filipino Naturalization Bill, which has been pending for quite some time, was passed by the House unanimously. Tomorrow I shall send you off a copy of the Congressional Record, with the record of my speech, and the passage of the Naturalization Bill.

I am leaving at nine-thirty tomorrow morning to attend the United Nations Conference in San Francisco. Probably we shall be there three or four weeks.

This letter is somewhat abrupt, for which I am sorry. However, I shall write you again soon.

With very best wishes,

Faithfully,


Carlos P. Romulo

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Signal Corps, United States Army

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8 APRIL 1945

TO : GHQ SWPA(WILLOUGHBY)
FROM : WASHINGTON (ROMULO - WDGBI)
NR : W 64965 8TH

NOW RECEIVED ALL COPIES OUR W 64211 AND PHOTOGRAPHS MANY THANKS

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By KJ NARA Date 10/27/11

Gen W:

We airmailed Romulo two (2) copies without photographs on 26th March.

On 31st March, we airmailed him one (1) copy with the reproduced photos, and also included the extra original photographs.

He has apparently received the 26th March shipment - and no doubt has by now received the 31 March/45 shipment ? Or should receive them in the next few days (5 day interval).

NRB

OK
Holds until we hear from her

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7 APRIL 1945

TO : ADV GHQ SWPA (WILLOUGHBY)
FROM : WASHINGTON (ROMULO)(WDGBI)
NR : W-64211 6TH

DOCUMENTS 2 COPIES MENTIONED YOUR UNNUMBERED 23 MARCH RECEIVED 3 COPIES AND
PHOTOGRAPHS YOUR UNNUMBERED 4 APRIL NOT YET RECEIVED.

BISSELL

TOO: 070334 I
TOR: SC MSG CEN 071508 I
TOR: AG R/C ADV GHQ 071545 I
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THE RESIDENT COMMISSIONER OF THE PHILIPPINES
TO THE UNITED STATES
WASHINGTON, D. C.

April 7, 1945

Major

~~Major~~ General C. A. Willoughby
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2
General Headquarters
Southwest Pacific Area

Dear General Willoughby:

My sincere thanks for rushing to me the bound copies of the Atrocity Reports and the original photographs, all of which I have received.

You are right in assuming that I intend making a brochure of this material. I expect that it will be completed within the week, and I shall send you several copies as soon as it is off the press. The pictures I shall retain in my files here pending further instructions from you.

I expect to make my speech on the floor of the House on April 16 or 17. The House is in recess right now, and will not reconvene until the 10th, and for the first few days there will not be many of the members present. Since I want as many of the House members as possible to hear the indictment of the Japanese people, it is better to wait until most of them get back to Washington.

You know how delighted I am over the news in yesterday's paper, that the C-in-C has been given charge of all the Army forces in the Pacific.

With very best wishes,

Faithfully,

Carlos P. Romulo
Carlos P. Romulo

Congrats to you for the second star. At last it came - and no one deserves two stars on his shoulders - should be three in fact - than you do.

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA

OFFICE OF MILITARY SECRETARY
TO COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

6 April 1945.

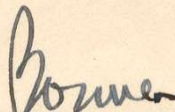
Dear Charles:

From the bottom of my heart I send sincerest congratulations to you on your well-deserved and overdue promotion. I am delighted.

I am enclosing a letter from Romulo, who is in heat to make his speech. I imagine you have sent the data to him some time ago.

I think your study on atrocities is a great service to the American people. If my summary can be used I am delighted to help.

Fraternally yours,



BONNER F. FELLERS,
Brigadier General, G.S.C.,
Military Secretary to the C-in-C.

Major Gen. C. A. Willoughby,
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2,
GHQ, Adv. Ech., A.P.O. 500.

Waiting for wire reply fr Gen. Romulo

THE RESIDENT COMMISSIONER OF THE PHILIPPINES
TO THE UNITED STATES
WASHINGTON, D. C.

March 23, 1945

Dear Bonner:

I have just had a nice conversation with Dorothy, who is in perfect health, and so is Nancy. They were very happy to know how you are in Manila, and of course I gave you a build-up that made them feel you are the only hero in the Southwest Pacific Area.

The other day I sent a cable to General Willoughby asking him to expedite the sending of the affidavits which I need for my speech on the floor of Congress about Japanese atrocities. I need them very badly, as the more we delay, the less effective it is going to be. Timeliness is essential to make the speech of any use to the war effort here. I am particularly interested in the document captured from one of the Japanese officers that shows the order to destroy Manila came direct from Tokyo. It was General MacArthur who gave me this information, and I hope I can get a copy of the document soonest possible. Please help me get all these documents as soon as you can.

I am enclosing herewith a letter for Admiral Barbey, which our mutual friend, Mrs. Lombard, asked me to give him in Manila. As I did not have a chance to see him there, I am imposing on your good nature to see that this letter reaches its destination. I am enclosing also a copy of a letter I have received, and would appreciate it very much if you could have the matter therein referred checked, and whatever information there is sent to me.

With best wishes for your continued success, I am

Sincerely yours,

Romulo
Carlos P. Romulo

Brigadier General Bonner Fellers
GHQ SWPA
APO 500
c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, California

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4 April/45

-- SERVICE MESSAGE --

TO : COLONEL J K EVANS,
WD GENERAL STAFF,
JAPANESE (POA) SPEC.,
MID, WASHINGTON, D.C.

PASS TO GENERAL ROMULO FROM WILLOUGHBY PD HAVE YOU RECEIVED THE
THREE SETS OF ATROCITY REPORTS AND PHOTOGRAPHS AIRMAILED TO YOU
TWO SEVEN MARCH QUENT

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31 March 1945

-- SERVICE MESSAGE --

TO : ADV ECH GHQ
(ATT: COLONEL LAPOLLETTE, PRO)

ORIGINAL GEORGE TWO ATROCITY REPORT AND ENCLOSED ORIGINAL PHOTOS
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REPORT TEXT ARE AVAILABLE IN GEORGE TWO ADVON REFERENCE LIEUTENANT
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By KJ NARA Date 10/27/11

To : Gen Romulo

The proper insert for the attached photos are as shown in pencil.

You will note they are not the same as the originals, but probably just as good; the originals slipped through my hands.

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4 Photos Manila Burning & Damage to city.
2 " Churches destroyed.
C.A.W.

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By KJ NARA Date 10/27/11

31 March 1945

Brig. Gen. Carlos P. Romulo,
Philippines Commonwealth,
1617 Massachusetts Ave., NW,
Washington, D.C.

Dear General Romulo :

Pursuant to my letter of 27 march, transmitting to you two (2) copies of the bound Atrocity Reports, enclosed is a set of original photographs of the atrocity evidence and another bound copy of the Atrocity Report, containing reproduced photographs, which you may use as a guide for the originals.

Also enclosed is a security memo, warning the recipients of the atrocity report not to divulge the source of the testimonials. However, as an important official of the Philippine Government, in whose domain these atrocities were committed, I do not consider you bound by these limitations. They were primarily issued to local Press Representatives. In my opinion, the character of Catholic testimony represents its great, intrinsic value.

I assume that you will make a brochure or publication of this material? If so, it occurs to me whether its official character were not enhanced, as a direct publication by the Philippine Government, i.e. the Office of the High Commissioner, or the Philippine Government Office of Information? We in G-2 or SWPA are not publishing it, other than to clothe it in the form of an official report, as shown, formal heading, etc., turning over adequate copies to War Department (2), War Crimes Commission (2), etc.

The possible implications are that the War Department desires for its file the original photos (now sent to you); for the contingency I request that you carefully hold the photos, after they have served their purpose of reproduction, for your brochure, so that if the W.D. (G-2) calls for copies of the photos, I can send your retained set, as the case may be.

Fraternally,

C. A. WILLOUGHBY,
Brigadier General, G.S.C.,
Asst. Chief of Staff, G-2.

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27 March 1945

Brig. Gen. Carlos P. Romulo,
Philippines Commonwealth,
1617 Massachusetts Ave., NW,
Washington, D. C.

Dear General Romulo:

Confirming my radio to you of last evening, I have forwarded to you via airmail, safehand officer courier, two (2) copies of the bound atrocity reports, promised you in Manila.

I regret I was unable to furnish you the photographs to accompany the sworn statements and affidavits; however, I attach hereto a list and serial numbers of the photos of the outstanding atrocity cases, which you should be able to acquire through the War Department Signal Corps or through Colonel Evans.

I trust the material furnished you has given you enough "ammunition" to really hit Congress with a "bombshell" and assist in awakening the American people from their lethargic views of this theater and impress on their minds the type of barbarous enemy that we are fighting now--and in the future.

With kind personal regards and best of luck,

Fraternally,

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By KJ NARA Date 10/27/11

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29 March 1945.

Maj. Gen. C. Bissell,
A.C. of S., G-2,
War Department,
Washington, D.C.

My dear General :

At the request of the C-in-C, I submitted to him a formal report of the Japanese atrocities that occurred prior to and during our entry into Manila. This report only covers selected cases. There is a constantly growing volume of additional evidence. Note also the quality of testimony: signed reports of high dignitaries of the Catholic Church. I am enclosing herewith four (4) copies of this report, two with photographs and two (2) without. One set of two (2) is for your files, for whatever action you deem necessary; the other set, I believe, should be forwarded to the War Crimes Commission. At the request of the Philippine Government, I have also furnished to General Romulo, Resident High Commissioner of the Philippines, two (2) copies of this report.

The recent Spanish Government protest to the Japanese was due to our dispatching (routed through G-2 WD) radio reports by the Dominican Order, and Apostolic Delegate, to the Vatican, Spanish Consul and Spanish Chamber of Commerce to Madrid.

I happened to be in Manila throughout our painful entry into the City and personally talked to witnesses of these atrocities; I also knew some of the victims, prominent Spaniards and Filipinos. I could never conceive of such barbarism, bestiality and destruction that prevailed during our street by street recapture of the City.

With kind personal regards,

Fraternally,

C. A. WILLOUGHBY,
Brigadier General, G.S.C.,
Asst. Chief of Staff, G-2.

1 Incl:

4 copies Report on Destruction of
Manila and Japanese Atrocities.

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By KJ NARA Date 10/27/11

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29 March 1945

MEMO TO : Recipients of Report "Destruction of Manila and Japanese Atrocities".

Your attention is invited to the recent compilation of atrocity reports on Manila, with particular reference to the very valuable testimony furnished over the signature of important Prelates of the Catholic Church, in particular, the Provincial of the Dominican Order. Any publicity should protect this valuable source in the sense that there are remaining Dominicans in the Far East, in territories under Japanese control, in Hong Kong, China, Indo-China, Formosa and Shikoku, who would certainly suffer repercussions. The recommended procedure, if a quotation of these affidavits is made, is to ascribe them to: "A Prelate of the Catholic Church", and in a footnote remark; "Name has been withheld to prevent retaliation", but is available in official records. Affidavits signed by local civilians or military witnesses are not in this category. On the other hand, the quotation of names and officials is not essential for the credibility of these reports, since a general qualification can be announced as emanating officially from a General Staff Section of this Headquarters, guaranteeing the authenticity of these statements.

C. A. Willoughby
C. A. WILLOUGHBY,
Brigadier General, G.S.C.,
Asst. Chief of Staff, G-2.

To:

*Gen Bissell.
Gen Sellers.
Gen Romulo.
Col Thayer.
Lt Alley (for P.R.O.).
Father Tascow.
Asst Sec'y of War*

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Authority 795006By KJ NARA Date 10/27/11

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA
Mil. Int. Section, Gen. Staff
Advance Echelon.

30 May 1945

TO:

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*Cy has been given to Col Lafollette
as per attached instructions*

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I have been thinking of you
 very much lately & wondering
 how you are getting on.
 I hope you are well & happy.
 I am still the same old
 fellow, but I am getting
 on my feet again. I am
 very glad to hear from
 you & hope you are
 all the same. I am
 very much yours,
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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA
G-2 Section

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DATE: 28 Mar/45

NO. : _____

SUBJECT : Report on Japanese Atrocities.

TO : Chief of Staff
C-in-C

1. Note attached "Report on Japanese Atrocities". Copies were dispatched to :

Brig. Gen. C. Romulo 2
G-2 War Department 2
WD War Crimes Commission 2

2. The originals, etc. were turned over to G-2 USAFFE, for file and/or future reference; he has set up a record-section, for this kind of material.

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA
G-2 Section

DATE: _____

NO. : _____

MEMO FROM : General Willoughby

TO : Colonel Lafollete, PRO, Adv Ech GHO

SUBJECT : Manila Atrocity Report

The original report of atrocities and original photos (submitted through Lehrbas) are a G-2 record and should be returned to G-2, for file. Duplicate copies of the same report are available in twenty (20) sets, especially for distribution to the Press and/or Correspondents, which should satisfy your needs.

Lt. Alley, G-2 Advon, has these copies available for issue.

C.A.W.

Info Copies to :
Colonel Lehrbas
Lieut. Alley

Authority 795006By KJ NARA Date 10/27/11GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA
G-2 Section

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DATE: 28 Mar/45

NO. : _____

SUBJECT : Report on Japanese Atrocities

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G-2 War Department.....2

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By KJ NARA Date 10/27/11

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G-2, USAFFE

29 Mar 45

1. Enclosed are two (2) copies of the formal report of the Japanese atrocities that occurred in Manila prior to and during our entry into the city, for whatever action you deem necessary in the circumstances. This group contains only part of the evidence; new reports are coming in; you are therefore in a position to enlarge this report by simply adding more case numbers. I have forwarded copies to G-2 War Department and the War Crimes Commission, Washington. That may not be enough. The original copy, with glazed photos, is in the hands of the C-in-C. Brig. Gen. Fellers, as head of the P.W.B., contemplates a reprint, for distribution. If further copies are desired, Lt. Alley, G-2 Advon, holds 20 sets, at the request of P.R.O.

2. I wish to thank your organization for the assistance given me in preparing this report. This closes my own participation, in the premises and further evidence, if any, will be routed your way.

C.A.W.

1 Incl: Copy of Manila Atrocity Report.
Information Copies:

Lt Alley, G-2 Advon

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By KJ NARA Date 10/27/11

29 March 1945

MEMO TO : Recipients of Report "Destruction of Manila and Japanese Atrocities".

Your attention is invited to the recent compilation of atrocity reports on Manila, with particular reference to the very valuable testimony furnished over the signature of important Prelates of the Catholic Church, in particular, the Provincial of the Dominican Order. Any publicity should protect this valuable source in the sense that there are remaining Dominicans in the Far East, in territories under Japanese control, in Hong Kong, China, Indo-China, Formosa and Shikoku, who would certainly suffer repercussions. The recommended procedure, if a quotation of these affidavits is made, is to ascribe them to; "A Prelate of the Catholic Church", and in a footnote remark; "Name has been withheld to prevent retaliation", but is available in official records. Affidavits signed by local civilians or military witnesses are not in this category. On the other hand, the quotation of names and officials is not essential for the credibility of these reports, since a general qualification can be announced as emanating officially from a General Staff Section of this Headquarters, guaranteeing the authenticity of these statements.

C. A. WILLOUGHBY,
Brigadier General, G.S.C.,
Asst. Chief of Staff, G-2.

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By KJ NARA Date 10/27/11

29 March 1945

The Rev. Fr. Tomas Tascon, O.P.,
Provincial,
Dominican Order in the Far East.

My dear Father Tascon :

This is in reply to your note of March 23rd, in which you suggested caution, in the use of your name and order, especially in the Philippines, in view of other dominicans still in Japanese controlled territory. Your viewpoint is entirely reasonable. The status of distribution of the Atrocity Report (copy enclosed) is as follows :

Cinc : The original or master copy
War Crimes Commission, Washington, D.C.
G-2, War Department.
Philippine Resident High Commissioner
G-2, USAFFE.
Duplicate copies, on file G-2, GHQ SWPA.

The distribution is consequently on an official level, to official agencies. I am not certain what further use they will make of this material, but there is no doubt that they will use discretion. Note attached copy of official memo to Recipients of the atrocity reports and suggested procedure.

I have been absent from Manila, but on return, I expect to pay you a visit.

Very sincerely,

G. A. WILLOUGHBY,
Brigadier General, G.S.C.,
Asst. Chief of Staff, G-2.

2 Incls,
Copy of Atrocity Report
Copy of instructions to recipients

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By KJ NARA Date 10/27/11

29 March 1945

MEMO TO : Recipients of Report "destruction of Manila and Japanese Atrocities".

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C. A. WILLOUGHBY,
Brigadier General, G.S.C.,
Asst. Chief of Staff, G-2.

28 March 1945

MEMORANDUM FOR GENERAL WILLOUGHBY:

Reference is made to your request of 26 March. There are enclosed herewith photographs in connection with the PONS and KREMLEFF cases. The only photos available concerning PONS were three prints which we had previously forwarded to G-2, USAFFE, which Captain STEINWAY returned to me temporarily.

I am also forwarding the other photographs which we had on file here in the event you would like to have any of them duplicated.

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By KJ NARA Date 10/27/11

28 March 1945

Brig. Gen. B. Fellers,
Military Secretary to C-in-C,
GHQ, SWPA.

My dear Bonner :

Your paper is fine. I enclose
a complete copy of the formal report. My
"preface" can be replaced by your own
study, and it will fit, or it can be used
separately, as a brochure; I think the re-
print of the report, with your summary is
best.

Re- photographs, note how I
located them within the text. The originals
are in the "master" copy, which has gone to
the C-in-C. They are available for re-
prints; I will also send any extra photos.

Cordially,

Authority 795006By KJ NARA Date 10/27/11

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA
G-2 Section

DATE: 28 Mar/45

NO. : _____

SUBJECT : Atrocities in Manila.
TO : Chief of Staff
C-in-C

Note attached. This gratifying effect is undoubtedly due to our dispatching the radio reports of Dominican Order, Apostolic Delegate, Spanish Consul and Spanish Chamber of Commerce. This act of international courtesy brought immediate results, which will reverberate in all Spanish-speaking countries.

Copies of atrocity report and affidavits left by airmail, for General Romulo; other copies enroute to W.D. and War Crimes Commission.

C.A.W.

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By KJ NARA Date 10/27/11

Photos in connection with PONS case. Note:
We had no photos on file concerning this
case, having transmitted the one available
copy to G-2, USAFFE prior to my becoming as-
sociated with atrocity material. I borrowed
these 3 prints from Captain Steinway of
Usaffe temporarily, and assume you can have
additional prints made in Tolosa.

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By KJ NARA Date 10/27/11

Checking back, I find that the attache photos were submitted in connection with the case entitled "Atrocity report in connection with several group cases of atrocities committed by the Japanese upon civilians in the Manila area" (statements by RUGGIO, CLARK, etc.).



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By KJ NARA Date 10/27/11

Am forwarding Father Tascon a copy of
the ATROCITY REPORT WITHOUT PHOTOGRAPHS.

Balance at the moment (including his copy):

4 copies with photographs

4 copies without photographs.

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA
G-2 Section

DATE: 28 Mar/45

SUBJECT : Report on Japanese Atrocities. NO. : _____

TO : Chief of Staff

1. Note attached "Report on Japanese Atrocities". Copies were dispatched to :

Brig. Gen. C. Romulo 2

G-2 War Department 3 ✓

WD War Crimes Commission 3 ✓

2. The originals, etc. were turned over to G-2 USAFFE, for file and/or future reference: he has set up a record-section, for this kind of material.

C.A.W.

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By KJ NARA Date 10/27/11

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HEADQUARTERS
UNITED STATES ARMY FORCES IN THE FAR EAST

CHECK SHEET

Do Not Remove from Attached Sheets

Note No.

File No. FEGB

Subject:

FROM: G-2

TO: G-2 GHQ
ATTN: Lt. Alley

Date: 27 March 1945

1. Attached herewith three (3) photographic prints concerning the Pons Atrocity Case, as per your telephone request this date.

2. Request these prints be returned to this office when you have no further use for them.

W.D.S.
W.D.S.

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By KJ NARA Date 10/27/11

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G-2 GHQ
ATTN: Lt. Alley

27 March 1945

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W.D.S.

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26 March 1945

MEMORANDUM TO GENERAL WILLOUGHBY:

Reference is made to your inquiries concerning the Atrocity material. We had on file two copies of each of the photographs, including those of the Palawan Case. One complete set of photographs was forwarded along with General Romulo's copies of the affidavits, and the other complete set is being retained in our files here. I enclosed the photographs of the Palawan Case for his use in connection with the report which you were forwarding him.

*Forwarded
by SA 336*

Lt. Bennett delivered to me this morning the attached material which I am forwarding for whatever disposition you deem appropriate. He advised that he also furnished a copy to Colonel Soriano. You will note that some of this material is amplification of that which we already have, but some of it is entirely new.

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There is also being forwarded to you fifteen copies of the affidavits, leaving us five mimeographed copies, in addition to the originals here in this office, in case some urgent request should arise.

*25 copies
25 copies*

If you wish the other set of photographs, advise and I shall get them in the next courier pouch; otherwise, I shall retain them in our files here.

W. S. Alley
W. S. Alley

Bennett General Files

25 Mar/45

TO : Lt Alley
G-2 Advon

I was able to intercept the atrocity documents and photos, addressed to Col Evans, for transmittal to General Romulo. I am having these copies dressed up and shall send them to Romulo from here. Two copies are going to Romulo, without photos. One copy of the report with the photos, is being prepared for transmittal to the C-in-C.

Re- the balance of the mimeo'd atrocity reports : Send the balance (after the Press receives their 25 copies) down here; I have had folders made up for them.

How many sets, if any, of photos have you now remaining? There was only one set in the package for Romulo, contradictory to your wire, stating two??

C.A.W.

Authority 795006By KJ NARA Date 10/27/11

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA
Mil. Int. Section, Gen. Staff

_____ 1944

TO:

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Maj McCampbell _____
Maj Burns _____
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By KJ NARA Date 10/27/11

Form No. 7

Signal Corps, United States Army

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25 MARCH 1945

TO : GHQ SWPA (G-2) ATTN WILLOUGHBY
FROM : ADV ECH GHQ
NR : GA-51188 25TH

YOUR 241402: 3 SETS OF AFFIDAVITS AND 2 DUPLICATE PHOTOGRAPHS DISPATCHED
24TH AIR COURIER TO ROMULO GARE EVANS. EXTRA SET FOR YOU THIS MORNING COURIER.

MACARTHUR

TOO: 251019 I
TOR: SC MSG GEN 251042 I
TOR: AG R/C SWPA (A) 251223 I
MCN: 45708

DISTRIBUTION:

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NOTE: Ref 241402 (G-2) was dispatched direct through
Signal Message Center without reference to AG
Office, GHQ SWPA

no photo received - only list attached.

Copies - 2 + 3

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The making of an exact copy of this message is forbidden.
Only such extracts as are absolutely necessary will be
made and marked consistent with its classification.

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By KJ NARA Date 10/27/11

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SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

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SIGNAL CORPS MESSAGE

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25 March/45

-- SERVICE MESSAGE --

TO : COLONEL J. K. EVANS,
WD GENERAL STAFF,
JAPANESE (POA) SPEC.
MID, WASHINGTON, D.C.

PASS TO ROMULO FROM WILLOUGHBY PD REURAD WILLIAM FIVE FIVE NINE

FOUR SIX CMA TWENTIETH CMA TWO COPIES AIRMAILED CMA SAFEHAND OFFICER

COURIER TWO SIX MARCH

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By KJ NARA Date 10/27/11

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24 March /45

-- SERVICE MESSAGE --

TO : ADV ECH GHQ
(ATT: G-2)

FOR ALLEY FROM WILLOUGHBY PD EXPEDITE TO ME NEXT AVAILABLE
COURIER LIST AND TITLES OF PHOTOGRAPHS AND ANOTHER SET YOUR
MIMEO ATROCITY REPORTS FOR ROMULO

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By KJ NARA Date 10/27/11

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SIGNAL CORPS, UNITED STATES ARMY

PARAPHRASED COPY

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21 MARCH 1945

TO : GHQ SWPA (WILLOUGHBY)
FROM : WASHINGTON (ROMULO WDGBI)
NR : W 55946 20TH

PLEASE RUSH MSS PROMISED AND THANKS

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TOR: AG R/C SWPA (A) 211033 I
SC MCN: 42164

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RECEIPT FOR PHOTOGRAPHS

No. 4 WO 141 Auth. Capt. Harold C. Herman Date March 14, 1945

The following photographic prints from U. S. Signal Corps negatives have been received from Photographic Detachment, 832d Signal Service Bn:

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(Preceded by
"SWPA-SigC")

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I certify that these pictures are for official use only and will not be released from Military Control without express permission in each case from the Military Intelligence Division, U. S. Army.

Signed

Organization

Date 21 Feb 1962

General Willoughby

Request original Receipt be
signed and returned to:
Signal Photo Laboratory
GHQ Advance Echelon,
A. P. O. 500

C. A. WILLOUGHBY
BRIG. GENERAL, G.S.C.
A. C. OF S, G-2

HEADQUARTERS 129TH INFANTRY
APO 37

1 March 1945

PHOTOGRAPHIC CAPTIONS TO ACCOMPANY REPORT OF
ATROCITIES, FORT SANTIAGO, INTRAMUROS, CITY OF MANILA

PHOTO #1. Bodies strewn from the doorway (upper center) of a building containing additional bodies. Paragraphs in report referring to area pictured are: 8th on page 1, all of page 2, and 1st on page 3.

PHOTO #2. Photo taken from side window of building mentioned in report in 8th paragraph page 1, all of page 2, and 1st paragraph on page 3. The view shows approximately the rear one-third of the building. Presence of a tin can (lower left) and bags of clothes (in corner near right center and at lower left) suggest the possibility that people had been living in the building and had been killed on the inside. Note canteen at lower right.

PHOTO #3. View of bodies inside dungeon-cell (reference to report paragraphs 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 on page 3; and 2 and 3 on page 4). Note heavy latch and wires on the iron doors and body in semi-sitting position beneath horizontal bar at left.

PHOTO #4. View taken from doorway of dungeon-cell (reference to report paragraphs 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 on page 3; and 2 and 3 on page 4). Note cage-like bars inside the room.

Footage of movie photos made in Fort Santiago, "Walled City," Manila, by T/5 Gae Faillace, 832d Signal Service Battalion, Photographic Section, on 23 February 1945 concerning Japanese atrocities were not available for this report. These photographs were sent direct to Signal Corps Photographic Section, Long Island, New York.

Authority 795006By KJ NARA Date 10/27/11

22 January 1945

MEMORANDUM TO GENERAL WILLOUGHBY:

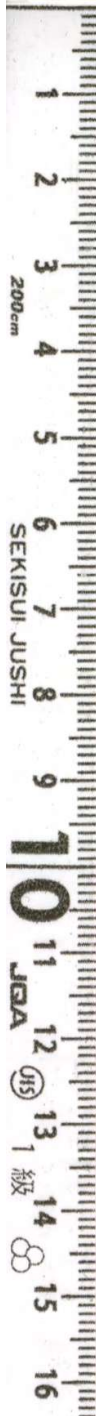
Your message with regard to the handling of the atrocities reached us today. In view of the need for additional copies at present and to preclude the delay in the event future copies are requested of our office, Colonel Craig and I agreed that the best manner of handling the matter is to stencil the affidavits and report, making up an ample number of copies and filing the stencils for future reference.

By utilizing all of the spare time of the typists today, as well as typing myself, we have already finished the bulk of it and should complete the project this evening. I intend to have the stencils run off tomorrow morning and get General Romulo's copy off sometime tomorrow.

Then, too, by stenciling the material, it makes for much more uniformity in appearance in view of the fact that the originals, as well as what copies are available, are on different size paper, different margins.

W. S. Alley
W. S. Alley, Lt. (jg).

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Authority 795006

By KJ NARA Date 10/27/11

Atrocity Report Distribution :

*Also Security Instructions to recipients **

1 copy - CinC (with photos)--original photos.

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Reliable evidence based on interrogation of Prisoners of War, signal personnel and captured documents reveal the staggering fact that the sack of Manila and its attendant horrors are not the act of a crazed garrison in a last-ditch, berserk defense but the coldly planned purpose of the Japanese High Command. The fateful order that put this City to death emanated directly from Tokyo. The fragments of this dreadful mosaic fall into a macabre pattern of inescapable fate, soon to envelop an entire City and a people who have tolerated the Japanese patiently for four years.

The relentless logic of events and the cruel duplicity of the enemy are reflected in the sequence of guerrilla reports from Manila:

- Nov. 20 - "... Rumors that Nips are planning to make Manila an open city.
- Dec. 1 - ... Laurel is striving to have military installations removed from Manila for safety of civilians. In an interview with Yamashita, Laurel stressed the fact that Manila was indefensible and would only cause heavy loss of civilian lives.
- Dec. 5 - ... In conference with Aquinno, Yamashita admitted the indefensibility of Manila but when asked why Manila was not declared an open city right away, Yamashita replied that it would reflect on reputation of Nip forces; however, plans were being drafted for open city possibility.
- Dec. 10 - ... Confirms that Yamashita flew to Tokyo.
- Dec. 20 - ... Yamashita back in Manila.
- Dec. 21 - ... Philippine Government transferred to Baguio. General Yamashita and President Laurel en route to Baguio City.
- Jan. 1 - ... Land mines three miles from shore from Pier 7 to Las Pinas, Rizal. Nips bore holes in walls for sniping in prone position. Evacuations in Luneta for mines. Entrenchments along Dewey Boulevard of reinforced concrete. Military Police in City continue reign of terror.
- Jan. 4 - ... Ayala, Quezon and Jones Bridges closed to traffic. All main bridges across the Pasig River are prepared by Nips for destruction.
- Jan. 14 - ... Barricades are constructed along main thoroughfares in the City. All street intersections with pillboxes, fox holes. Defensive preparation of civilian homes ..."

It is easy to read between the lines: The puppet President makes a futile attempt to save the Capital City. Yamashita holds out a vague promise, then departs for Tokyo where he receives orders to destroy the City. On return, he immediately transfers his Headquarters and the Laurel Government

to Baguio, to keep the grim truth from the impotent Quisling. From that date, accelerated defense preparations forecast the doom of the City.

Operations orders, of that period, are relentlessly specific:

Feb. 3 - Manila Defense Force Order No. 43:

"The South, Central and North Force must destroy factories, warehouses and other installations... The demolition of such installations within the city limits will be carried out secretly, for the time being, so that such actions will not disturb the tranquillity of the civil population nor be useful by the enemy for counter-propaganda... Special orders will be issued for the destruction of the water system and electrical installations... As large a quantity as possible of aviation gasoline and bombs will be transported from the storage areas to suitable places within the City and to the vicinity of various key points and will be made use of ..."

Feb. 8 - "... in case the situation becomes absolutely hopeless, each unit will continue to fight to the last man. Thereafter the wounded and sick must commit suicide..."

Feb. 10 - "... Target: Sto Tomas University (where U.S. Internees were still quartered) 0830: Commence firing. Aiming point is the uppermost right stone building or the Taiwan Transport Corporation. Range: 3400. Lieut. Ainouchi went up to be O. P. First round burst five miles to left. Aim to the right and fire two rounds. They hit at the base of the building. White smoke is seen. Thereafter we fire fifty to sixty rounds continuously..."

Feb. 13 - "... the City has fallen into hand to hand fighting since this morning... This unit will make preparations for an all-out suicide attack. Every man will attack until he achieves a glorious death. Not even one man must become a prisoner... wounded will be made to commit suicide..."

Diary entry: Akatsuki Fore:

Feb. 7 - "150 guerrillas were disposed of tonight. I personally stabbed and killed 10.

Feb. 8 - Guarded over 1,164 guerrillas which were newly brought in today.

Feb. 9 - Burned 1,000 guerrillas to death tonight.

Feb. 10 - Guarded approximately 1,000 guerrillas.

Feb. 13 - Enemy tanks are lurking in the vicinity of Banzai Bridge. Our attack preparation has been completed. I am now on guard duty at Guerrilla Internment Camp. While I was on duty, approximately 10 guerrillas tried to escape. They were stabbed to death. At 1600 all guerrillas were burned to death..."

Feb. 13 - Bn Order, 1200 hrs.

1. The 1st Bn, because of the enemy mortar fire, is defending the Pago Station in a bitter fight to the last man. The enemy has broken through our key position in the vicinity of the Tobacco Company
2. The reserve strength of the 4th and 5th Cos (including reinforcements from the Okada Unit) are disposed in the vicinity of the Daitoa Road. The men are prepared for the enemy attack from the eastern front.

3. All road key points East of the Daitoa Road must be secured.
4. If the enemy infiltrates, be careful not to lose the opportunity of demolishing and burning buildings.
5. When Filipinos are to be killed, they must be gathered into one place and disposed of with the consideration that ammunition and man power must not be used to excess. Because the disposal of dead bodies is a troublesome task, they should be gathered into houses which are scheduled to be burned or demolished. They should also be thrown into the river.

Feb. 13 - Kobayashi Group Order.

1. The Americans who have penetrated into Manila have about 1,000 Artillery troops, and there are several thousand Filipino guerrillas. Even women and children have become guerrillas.
2. All people on the battle-field with the exception of Japanese military personnel, Japanese civilians, and Special Construction Units (Ganaps in the Filipino language) will be put to death. Houses --- (Order breaks off here.)

The Western mind cannot grasp the realities of this awful crime. One must grope into the shadows of History to find a parallel. Ghengis Khan, the Mongol Horde blazing a trail of utter destruction. This is the same breed -- Ghengis Khan in Kimono!

The evil spirit who unleashed these fiends, whose vicious terror was enormously magnified by a cold military efficiency, is found in Tokyo.

Even Yamashita wavered and flew to Tokyo to get his orders.

Thereafter, like pressing an electric button, the order for execution was broadcast from Tokyo on January 28th and repeated on February 4th.

The direct responsibility for this crime rests with the Japanese High Command and the Government of Japan, represented by the Emperor, while the people of Japan itself cannot ultimately escape the awful weight of moral participation.

List of photographs to accompany atrocity reports:

One copy of each of the following photographs was furnished to General Romulo, together with three (3) copies of the affidavits:

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→ Each of these photographs has a legend on the reverse side, giving details of the atrocity

Photo dated Feb. 23, of Ignacio Quazon of Pasig, Rizal in Manila shown in the San Lazaro Hospital where he is being treated for saber wounds suffered at the hands of Japanese Imperial Marines.

Photo dated Feb. 23, showing women and children killed in the Walled City, Manila, by the Japanese.

Photo dated Feb. 23, showing US Army Medics helping wounded civilians in a passage of the Walled City, Manila.

Photo dated Feb. 23, showing women and children killed in the Walled City, Manila, by the Japanese.

Photo dated Feb. 23 showing women and children killed in the Walled City, Manila, by the Japanese.

Photo dated Feb. 23 showing Apolonio Kolina of Malate, Manila, in the San Lazaro Hospital where he is suffering from first degree burns suffered at the hands of the Jap Imperial Marines.

Photo dated Feb. 23 showing Miximo Pingal in the San Lazaro Hospital, where he is suffering from saber wounds inflicted by the Japanese in the Walled City.

Photo dated Feb. 23 showing Angel Gajo in the San Lazaro Hospital, where he is being treated for first degree burns suffered at the hands of the Japanese Imperial Marines.

Photo dated Feb. 23 showing Jose Malco of Sampaloc, Manila, in the San Lazaro Hospital where he is receiving treatment for first degree burns suffered at the hands of the Japanese Imperial Marines.

Photo dated Feb. 23 showing the Filipino family of ISABELA MERCADO (mother), Angel Estandarte (father, and Jose Estandarte (son), in the San Lazaro Hospital, Manila, where they are being treated for burns suffered at the hands of the Japanese Imperial Marines.

Photo dated Feb. 23 showing women and children killed in the Walled City, Manila, by the Japanese.

SWPA-SigC-45-13118 (Photo dated 28 Feb. showing the bodies of Filipino women and children piled in carts in the courtyard of the St. Augustine Church, Intramuros, Manila, P. I.)

Photo dated Feb. 23 showing Filipino civilian shot in the head and found with his hands tied. Walled City.

Photo dated Feb. 23 showing women and children killed in the Walled City, Manila, by the Japanese.

Five photographs (no serial number or caption) showing groups of dead civilians, including men, women and children, in the Manila area.

SWPA-SigC-45-13093, 13094, 13095, 13096, 13097 (Photographs dated March 1, 1945 showing the scenes of the Massacre of American PWs at Puerta Princesa, Palawan.

Four photographs, with descriptive data, in connection with the Report of Atrocities at Fort Santiago, Intramuros, City of Manila, dated 1 March, 1945, as prepared by Headquarters, 129th Infantry, APO 37. Included is a notation that footage of movie photos made in Fort Santiago, "Walled City," Manila, by T/5 Gae Faillace, 832nd Signal Service Battalion, Photographic Section, on 23 February, 1945 concerning Japanese atrocities were not available for this report. These photographs were sent direct to Signal Corps Photographic Section, Long Island, New York.

* Three photographs in connection with the atrocity committed on Eugene Andreewitz Kremleff, a Russian citizen.

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List of photographs, in their order of appearance in Atrocity Manuscript.

Preface : SWPA SIG C-45-13155 4 Mar 1945 - Ruins Legislative Bldg.
SWPA Sig C-45-13194 1 Mar 1945 - Area to be used for storage.
SWPA SIG C-45-20521 24 Feb 1945 - Fort Santiago Entrance.
SWPA SIG C-45-13153 4 Mar 1945 - Ruins Letran Catholic College.

Brief-Case 1 : SWPA SIG C-45-13145 4 Mar - Ruins of Franciscan Church
SWPA SIG C-45-13137 4 Mar - Ruins Agricultural Bldg; Central
Student Church.
SWPA SIG C-45-13141 4 Mar - Interior San Agustin Cathedral
SWPA SIG C-45-13143 4 Mar - American soldier-San Agustin Cathedral.

Brief - Case 2 : Nil

Brief - Case 3 :
SWPA SIG C-45-13170, 2 Mar - Col Walsh--Cave where priests and
Sisters killed.
SWPA SIG C-45-13169, 2 Mar - Remains of Father Sup. of P.I.
SWPA SIG C-45-13166, 2 Mar - Remains of priests in tombs.

Brief - Case 4 :
SWPA SIG C-45-13130, 2 Mar - Mrs Agido Upson - victim
SWPA SIG C-45-13131, 2 Mar - Carmen Yulo & Rosario Yulo.-victims
SWPA SIG C-45-13176, 2 Mar - Jose Cabanero - victim
SWPA SIG C-45-13175, 2 Mar - Lourdes Ental - victim.
SWPA SIG C-45-13174, 2 Mar - Pedro Herrera - victim.

Brief - Case 5 :
View from doorway dungeon cell, Fort Santiago, Intramuros City.
View from side window of bldg., Fort Santiago, Intramuros City.

Brief - Case 6 :
Bodies strewn from doorway (Fort Santiago, Intramuros City)
23 Feb : Women & children killed by Japs in Walled City.

Brief - Case 7 :
SWPA SIG C-45-13138, 28 Feb - Bodies piled in carts in court-
yard St Augustine Church.
Group bodies (2 men & baby).
23 Feb/45 : Women & children killed in Walled City
23 Feb/45 : " " " " "

Brief - Case 8 :
Group of bodies : strewn in yard : hands tied behind back.
" " " : near iron fence and tree.
Bodies women and children killed by Japs.

Brief - Case 9 : Nil

Brief - Case 10 :
23 Feb/45 : Filipino civilian shot in head; hands tied.
23 Feb/45 : Women & children killed in Walled City : cellar.
Bodies : man and child, under fragments tin roof.
23 Feb/45 : USA Medics helping wounded in passage Walled City.
23 Feb/45 : Jose Malco of Gastambide Asnipaloc; 1st degree burns.

Brief - Case 11 :
23 Feb/45 : Women & children killed in Walled City : near tin
roof and wall.
23 Feb/45 : Apolonio Kolina; victim; burned by Jap flame throwers.
23 Feb/45 : Angel Gajo ; burns; bound by Japs and left to burn.
23 Feb/45 : Victims : Family of Isobela Mercado.

Brief : Case 12 : Nil

Pons Family .

Brief - Case 13 : Nil

Kremleff

Brief - Case 14 :

SWPA SIG C-45-13253, 6 Mar - Filipino child with bayonet wound
in stomach.

23 Feb/45 : Ignacio Quazon, victim : saber wounds.

SWPA SIG C-45-13133, 2 Mar : Consuelo Yulo-Singalong - victim.

23 Feb/45 : Miximo Pingal, victim : saber wounds.

SWPA SIG C-45-13134, 2 Mar : Mrs Genoveva Pozon, victim.

SWPA SIG C-45-13173, 2 Mar : Godofredo G. Rivera - victim.

SWPA SIG C-45-13128, 2 Mar/45 : Mrs Rosia Carugtos - victim.

SWPA SIG C-45-13177, 2 Mar/45 : Louis Trinidad - victim.

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