

MESSAGES-

OZAMIS

JANUARY 1945

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SIGNAL CORPS MESSAGE

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS  
SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA  
A.P.O. 500

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TO : OZAMIZ  
FROM : MACARTHUR  
NR : 3

*KEYS 143 (?)*

RED CROSS SUPPLIES WERE LANDED IN MANILA SIXTH NOV ON TEIA MARU PD  
REQUEST YOU DETERMINE AND ADVISE WHETHER AND TO WHAT EXTENT THESE SUPPLIES  
HAVE BEEN DISTRIBUTED AMONG POW AND INTERNEES PD HAVE CONTACTS OBSERVE AND  
REPORT WHAT REACTION RECENT DISCLOSURE OF ENEMY ATROCITIES ON FILIPINO AND  
AMERICAN PRISONERS OF WAR HAS HAD ON TREATMENT OF PRISONERS AND INTERNEES

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FROM : MACARTHUR  
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ALL MESSAGES RECEIVED AND INFO APPRECIATED PD REPLY AND FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS WILL BE SENT SHORTLY PD MEANTIME CHANGE KEYS TO NUMBERS TWO AND FOUR FOR FUTURE MESSAGES AND ADDRESS CONTENTS TO GENERAL MACARTHUR WHOSE PERSONAL ATTENTION THEY WILL HAVE

*KEYS 1,3 (security order)*

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TO : GENERAL MACARTHUR (FOR PARSONS)  
FROM : OZAMIZ

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CHEERIO ALL HAPPY TO HEAR FROM YOU. SENDING MSG MOST THINGS YOUR  
HAVE ASKED BY COURIER TO MAJOR PHILLIPS MINDORO. HAD BAD NEWS FROM  
MY SISTERS LATELY. IN THE HILLS HARD UP AND LOST EVERYTHING. YOUR  
MESSAGE BRIGHTENED ME UP.

SHIPPING MANILA BAY AT TIMES AS HIGH AS THIRTY IN IT ARRIVING  
IN CONVOYS OF EIGHT TO TEN SHIPS WITH DESTROYER ESCORT UP TO MARIVELES.  
TOTAL MOVEMENT ABOUT HUNDRED AND FIFTY VESSELS MONTHLY OF FIVE TO TEN  
THOUSAND TONS DEADWEIGHT CAPACITY. LATELY VERY FEW TANKERS. ALL  
MERCHANT TYPE ARMED WITH THREE TO FOUR INCH GUNS AND MACHINE GUNS.

IMPORTS ONLY MILITARY SUPPLIES SMALL EXPORTS. PICKUPS COPPER  
CONCENTRATES COCO OIL AND BY PRODUCTS, SALT, SOME SUGAR, ROPE AND  
HEMP. FRENCH LINER TRIPS NOW IRREGULAR LAST SEEN MANILA TWO WEEKS AGO.  
SHIPPING AT JOSE PANGANIBAN AT PRESENT NIL BUT SAN FERNANDO UNION AND  
LEGASPI INCREASINGLY USED FOR TROOP MOVEMENTS.

DEWEY DOCK REFLOATED AND IN ACTIVE USE MANILA BAY ABOUT THREE  
MILES OFF BREAKWATER. WARSHIPS SELDOM SEEN HERE EXCEPT DESTROYERS. IN  
THE LAST FEW MONTHS FOUR LARGE AIRCRAFT CARRIERS. BELIEVE CONVOYS  
HAVE AIR ESCORT BASED AT TAIWAN AND MANILA.

GENERALLY TWELVE BOMBERS LEAVE MANILA NORTHBOUND IN STAGGERED FOR-  
MATION ABOUT SEVEN A.M. RETURNING ABOUT NOON. ALSO DURING MORNING SOME  
FIGHTERS ACTIVE BUT BELIEVE MERELY FOR TRAINING AND OBSERVATION. DAILY  
AIR TRANSPORT SERVICE TO TAIWAN AND DAVAO. TOTAL AIR FORCE ESTIMATED  
NOT MUCH MORE THAN HUNDRED AND FIFTY MOSTLY BASED AT NICHOLS, NIELSON

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AND CLARK FIELDS, DAVAO JOLO.

TROOP CONCENTRATION PRINCIPALLY AT MANILA AND ALONG NORTH AND SOUTH ROADS IN SMALL UNITS AS GARRISONS. MANILA CONTINGENT COMPOSED MOSTLY OF RECRUITS AT TRAINING AND ALSO RETURNING UNITS FROM SOUTH PACIFIC ON CURE AND RECUPERATION. ESTIMATE LUZON FIFTY THOUSAND MEN.

INDEPENDENCE HAD NO EFFECT ON MORALE OR ATTITUDE OF PEOPLE WHO ARE MORE CONVINCED THAT NEW GOVERNMENT MERELY PUPPET REGIME CONTROLLED BY ENEMY. LOYALTY FILIPINOS UNCHANGED. NO CHANGE OF POLICY OF ENEMY CONTROL. PRESENT TEMPER OF PINOYS UNCONCERNED OVER ANY PROGRAM INDEPENDENCE FROM AMERICA. NOW ONLY INTERESTED IN LIBERATION FROM ENEMY AND ASSISTANCE FROM AMERICA FOR RECONSTRUCTION.

INFLATION BECOMING VERY ACUTE WITHOUT ANY PROGRAM FOR AMELIORATION. COMMODITY PRICES SOARING RESULTING IN GROWING POPULAR DISCONTENT. JAP ARMY CONTINUE WITH CONTROL AS BEFORE INDEPENDENCE.

PHIL GOVERNMENT HAS NO PLANS TO ESTABLISH AN ARMY BUT ONLY TO INCREASE CONSTABULARY TO FORTY THOUSAND. HEALTH CONDITION SO FAR SATISFACTORY BUT GREAT SHORTAGE MEDICINES AND TERRIBLY DEAR. VERY LITTLE CLOTHING MATERIAL AVAILABLE. RATIONING OF FOOD AND CLOTHING INEFFECTIVE. JAP FIRMS STILL CONTROLLING ALL BUSINESS AND INDUSTRIES.

GOV. ABLAN IS STILL IN HILLS WITH HIS FOLLOWERS BUT INACTIVE. WILL TRY TO CONTACT HIM AND RELAY FURTHER INFO. AM TRYING TO SECURE ADDITIONAL LISTS AND INFO ON WAR PRISONERS.

ROXAS BELIEVES HIS PRESENCE HERE UNTIL SHORTLY BEFORE START OF ACTIVITIES THIS AREA. SUGGEST MAKE PLANS FOR EVACUATION LATTER PART OF FEBRUARY. FINAL DECISION TO BE RELAYED TO PHILLIPS OR FERTIG. GRATEFUL TO RENWAG (GEN MAC ?). THIS MESSAGE PREPARED WITH HIM.

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SUGGEST PHILLIPS HOLD RADIO SET PENDING OUR OTHER ACTIONS. FINANCIAL CONDITIONS OF THREE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED WAR PRISONERS CABANATUAN FAIRLY SATISFACTORY BUT OTHER CAMPS VICINITY MANILA WHERE THEY ARE COMPELLED TO WORK IN AIRFIELDS AND PORT AREA QUITE BAD AND CONTACT DIFFICULT BUT TRYING OUR BEST. THE FORMATION OF A NEUTRAL COMMITTEE HAS BEEN AUTHORIZED BY THE JAPS THERE PAST FEW DAYS TO COLLECT CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THEM. SISVIA MILIANTRIAS. FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS SANTO TOMAS FULLY COVERED.

SCHOONER COULD BE AVAILABLE IF YOU THINK NECESSARY OUTLINE PURPOSE TO ASCERTAIN FEASIBILITY. PRIMITIVO SAN AGUSTAN CONTACTED. MESSAGE RECEIVED AND ANSWERED. HE SHOULD BE NOW AT FERTIGS WITH IMPORTANT INFO FOR YOU. CONSIDERED DANGEROUS AND INADVISABLE YOUR LANDING BATANGAS NOW. SENDING VELONO TO PHILLIPS TO ESTABLISH REGULAR CONTACT. JUAN AND RIC FAMILIES WELL ABRAZOS DE ELLOI. WHAT HAS BECOME OF MY PAPERS? YOU SAY NOTHING OF WRITTEN AUTHORIZATION FOR INDUCTION AND FINANCING FROM AUSTRALIA. THOSE ARE BADLY NEEDED HERE.



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