

EVACUEE REPORTS:

SAW, H.C.

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SUBJECT: Interview with H. C. Saw, Chinese merchant from Cebu, in Tacloban, Leyte.

1. Subject came to Tacloban from Bantayan Island on 16 January 1945. He came as representative of the Chinese population in Cebu City, to call on President Sergio Osmeña. Subject was accompanied by Antonio Lin Taha, Chinese merchant from Valikhanoco, Negros Oriental; and Dr. Edward K. Lin, self-styled leader of the Chinese population in Free Philippines (unoccupied areas). Information about Taha and Lin is contained in separate reports.

2. Subject was born in China, has lived in the Philippines for 26 years, and is married to a Filipina by whom he has eight children. Before the war, he operated a foundry and taught school in Cebu City. He is a member of the Chinese Association in Cebu which is headed by Antonio Tan Tin.

3. Subject is acquainted with some of the guerrilla personalities in Cebu. He knew Harry Fenton, guerrilla leader, who was executed and replaced by Lt. Col. James Cushing. Subject met Fenton when the latter was an aviator for Station 2280, Cebu City, and later as a guerrilla chieftain.

4. There appears to be no motive for subject's trip to Tacloban other than the avowed desire of paying his respects to President Osmeña, a visit which is perhaps made with an eye to the future and the reestablishment of his business enterprises in Cebu City after the war. He was unable to see the President who departed for the United States shortly before subject's arrival in Tacloban.

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