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File No: 366

Subject: Investigation of IPO MINE, Norzagaray, Bulacan, P.I., to determine if the mine was operated as a private enterprise prior to outbreak of war or by the government and if operated privately if the mine was taken over by the government just prior to the outbreak of war.

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From: Investigation Section To: Civilian Adjudication Section Date: 17 August 1945

Investigation by this section of records in this office and outside sources of information revealed the following information regarding the IPO MINE:

The Atlantic Gulf and Pacific Company, an American concern operating machine shops in Manila, in the process of drilling for water at Ipo, Bulacan, approximately fifty miles north of Manila in 1934, struck a gold vein with ore worth about twelve pesos per ton. This was known at the IPO MINE. At first operations were conducted by private individuals, directors of the Atlantic Gulf and Pacific Company, but later, by an operating contract with Benguet Consolidated Mining Company, also an American concern, operations were continued by the last named Company until shortly before the outbreak of the war when the mine was closed down because the value of the ore had decreased to a point where operations were no longer profitable. The equipment was being dismantled and sold at the outbreak of the war. The mine was not worked by the Japanese. One of the owners, Mr. C. Garmezy, is President of the Atlantic Gulf and Pacific Company and is now in charge of that Company's machine shops located near the mouth of the Pasig River in Manila.

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**FROM:** Civ Adj Sec **To:** Investigation Unit **Date:** 10 Aug 45  
Attn. Lt. O. T. Shaw

Request this section be furnished any information which it is possible to secure as to the status of the IPO MINE, NORZAGARAY, BULACAN, P. I. Was it operated as a private enterprise prior to the outbreak of war, or was it operated by the Government? If privately operated, was it taken over by the Government just prior to or at the outbreak of war?

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