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SUBJECT: Intelligence Report
TO : District Commander
(Thru the CO, Papaya)

1. Brief History of the Situation in the Island of Palawan
Before and After Oct. 1, 1943:

(a) About the middle part of 1943, six independent guerilla organizations were organized in the mainland of Palawan under the separate leaderships of -

- (1) Carlos Amores
- (2) Major Manigque
- (3) Lt. B. Garcia
- (4) Alfred Cobb
- (5) Dr. H. Mendoza
- (6) Sgt. Tumbaga.

These organizations, organized primarily to conduct passive and active resistance against the enemy, were, however, administered by different and conflicting policies. Every possible means to unite these organizations into one, having failed, disorder, chaos and lawlessness ran high. Personal grudges were even settled beyond the ordinary procedure of law. Prov. Governor Abordo, a reserved officer himself, couldn't do a thing against such a tremendous tension of discontent. Unity was the cry of the day.

(b) On May, 1943, Lt. V. Catublas, by virtue of an authority granted him by the CO CP 5 organized a company in Cuyo, Palawan, the first and only recognized Unit by Panay. By July 1943, his command was turned over to Major Manigque by order of the Sixth Military District Hqtrs, changing his designation to that of Liaison and Int. Officer for Palawan. With four of Lt. Catublas' officers they sailed for the mainland 23 July '43 to turn over the command to Major Manigque, and, as called for by his new assignment, to effect any possible coordination among the six guerilla leaders. The result of this conference with comments and recommendations, was submitted by Lt. V. Catublas to the CO CP 5, a true copy being attached herewith. Lt. Revillas and Lt. Estores, who were present in the conference submitted a report, too. As may be noted from Lt. Catublas' report, no definite agreement nor even a compromise to ease the evident disputes, was reached. Disgusted at the whole proceedings Carlos Amores with some of his boys, went to Panay aboard his launch (captured from the Japanese in Coron).

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(c) Subsequently, Major Manigoue took command of the Sp Bn composed of the Unit organized by Lt. Catublas and a handful of his followers. There was a total split up of the Phil. Constabulary. Majority recognized the banner and leadership of Lt. Garcia; some went with Sgt. Tumbaga to Brooke's Point; and the rest with Major Manigoue.

(d) Such was the shameful situation existing in Palawan then, even more heightened and made notorious with the cold-blooded murders of Mejo Maramba and one American by the name of Glew. Then, about the middle part of Sept. 1943, before the Unit in Cuyo could report to Major Manigoue in the mainland for duty, the party of Major Pablo P. Muyco arrived in Cuyo from the Dist. Hqtrs to take over the command of the Sp Bn. The effect of their arrival, at such a time and circumstance, was tremendous- suddenly projecting the morale of the whole population of Cuyo sky high. One doubt, however, remained. The situation in this island called for a veteran officer and Major Pablo P. Muyco is very young. Nevertheless, the officers and EN of that Unit were not wanting in cooperation. As an initial step a pledge of loyalty and support was assured Major Muyco's party.

(e) About the first week of Oct. 1943, the official negotiation regarding the transfer of command from Major Manigoue to Major Muyco was in order. Major Manigoue relinquished the command but before proper assignments and disposition could be made, Major Manigoue changed his mind. For what immediate reason was all everybody's guess. The conflict, though, between Major Manigoue and Lt. Garcia was raised as a very probable reason. It was at this phase of the state of things that Major Pablo P. Muyco, young as he is, displayed his brilliant and wonderful personality, character, tact and leadership. Before two months has passed, Major Pablo P. Muyco accomplished a feat, as formidable as it was almost impossible, to a successful end. All the guerilla units in the island, except that of Alfred Cobb's which was then defunct, and that of Major Manigoue's rebels, were fused into one, made to function and before long was running smoothly. Temporarily, the case of Major Manigoue was left pending and the more vital requisites of training and intensive intelligence was tackled.

(f) Meanwhile, the activities of Major Manigoue and his followers were daily assuming a rebellious intent. While they offered no major problem of the command, they were, nevertheless, a fly in the ointment. On Feb. 19, 1944, Major Manigoue's activities were stopped. The capture of Major Manigoue and his 20 armed followers, afforded some of our boys a colorful adventure - that of capturing an officer who could have become the CO of the Sp Bn.

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(g) The achievements of the Sp Bn under the command of Major Pablo P. Muyo from the start of the organization up to date are on official records. In no other way can they be best expressed than on the reflection they have made on the fine and high morale of the personnel of this command. During the acute food shortage in the months of May, June, July and part of August 1944, not a single man deserted and there was not a single complaint. The men were even proud of having to eat "ubud" three times a day for three months - of course once in a while spiced by a variety of different kinds of root crops. It was during these trying months that Company "C" carried on a constant and effective harassment of the enemy at Taytay, frequently attacking on empty stomachs; and company "A" performed a notable service in the capture of Caramay. The steady improvement in the spirit of cooperation between the civilian population and the command is worth mentioning, too. The unusual morale attained may be credited to the fine spirit of the officers and EM of the Sp Bn but most of all it has been due to the unusual leadership of the Commanding Officer whose high abilities have gained for him universal respect, both among the personnel of the Sp Bn and among the civilians.

2. These facts are being presented, prematurely though, as a means of expressing the general sentiment of the officers and EM of this command. While this is not an attempt to give undue discredit to the Palawan officers who are also equally capable of running the Sp Bn, the present world situation and the important part Palawan may have to play in this war, demands Major Muyo's presence here as commanding officer. A change of command at this time would adversely affect the fine morale of the personnel of the Sp Bn and that of the civilians.

3. The foregoing is a plain, honest and unbiased opinion, not only of the undersigned, but of all the officers and EM of the Sp Bn.

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R. V. GALERA
2nd Lieut Inf (60396)
Asst. Int. Officer

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