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LUZON MARKING'S GUFFRILLAS GENRAL HEADQUARTERS "Hore Victory Ahead"

April 23. - 44

Col. A. M. David Present

(STAMPED SEAL) (FIL-AMERICAN)

My dear Colonel David:

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- I am directing and dictating this letter from my bedside in a private institution where I have been confined due to ial-health contracted from Bataan. You can surmise that alm e I am assuming the full responsibility in penning my personal decision in and for the absence of the great majority of the members of the board composing the Staff including the Chief of Staff himself due to the most dangerous situation in which you and our men find at present as prisoners of Marking's outfit.
- I have given the matter avery thorough consideration and in view of the power vested upon me as successor and head of the Fil-American Irregular Troops. I have decided that your liberty and the salvation of the lives of our non held prisoners by Farking depend solely upon our agreeing to use the forces of the FAIT with theirs.
- Personally unable to cope with the situation on account of the quadruple rightness that are exerting over me as well as on the members of the Fait suspected by them. I have come to somehule that the fusion of all organisations to that of Herking's would be most commendable and you can use this letter as testimonial to this effect in order to stop at once the hostilities between the factions involved and to prevent further bloddshed and loss of lives of our own brothers and comrades in arms. I realise the futility of furtherresistance when you consider the thousand and one handicaps and the predisaments our troops are facing (the men under you are no ex-ception) at present, sware at the same time of the rigidity of the vigilance with which all of them are now exerting to appmend all of the sympathisers to the cause. Understand too that we really have only one common enemy to fight against and it is for the annihilation of this common enemy that we should strive to combine forces now with those of our own brothers.
- I as directing this letter to you personally, for as head of the force under your able command in Laguns and you are my personal representative invested with the full responsibility of carrying on to the last the noble policy of my predecessor Col. Straughn. In the fastness of the mountains where you are at present located Gen. Agustin is Bountains where you are at present socates well, agusta as recognized as the supress head. It is an admitted fact that he has actively maintained his forces up to the standard from the fall of Jatsan up to the present, and fasing our forces with his and those of Col. Terry H. should make the whole outfit stronger better equipped and thoroughly trained, and the men with more liberty to carry on with our fight against our common enemy and their cohorts.
- If this fusion will assure me of your liberty and those of the men with you, then you may present this testimonial to Gen. Agustin with due respect and assurance that we are ready to abide by his terms and that we recognize him as head of the guerrilla forces under his command. It will give me pleasure to receive a personal message from him assuring ne of your safety and liberty and to hasten in writing the funion of the forces, so it could be given official recognition and signatures affixed for the interst and assurance; of everybody concerned.

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Please convey to all our neg/their families my despect concern and interest in their welfare and we all hipe that the most authentic freedom are drawn when the sero-hour arrives which is now only a question of a few breath.

Very sincerely yours.

(STAMPED SEAL) (Fil-American) (Irregular) (Troops)

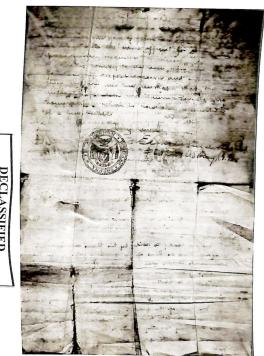
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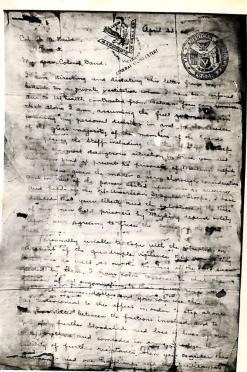
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